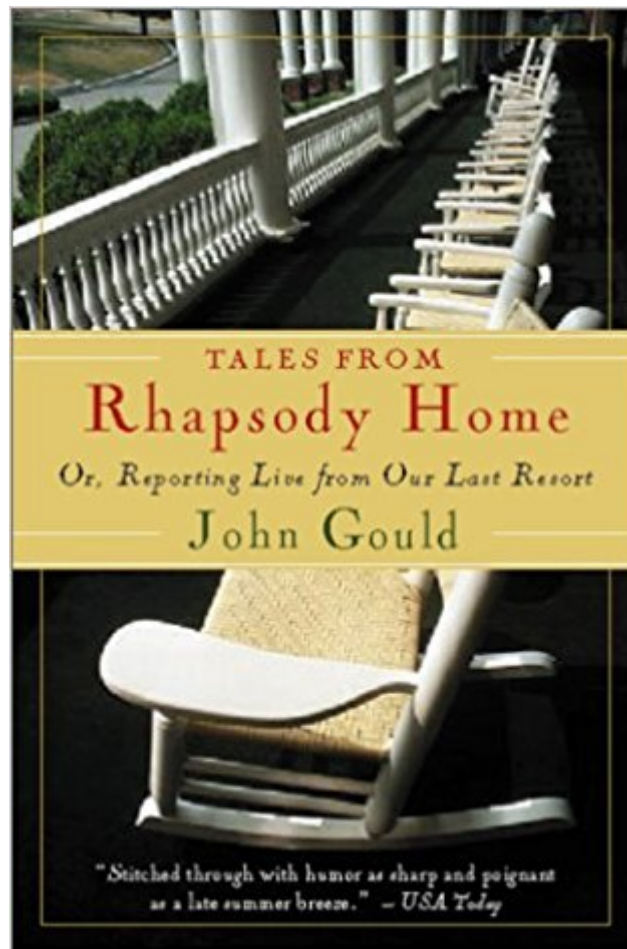




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Tales From Rhapsody Home: Or, Reporting Live From Our Last Resort



Synopsis

When a feisty ninety-two-year-old Mainer took up residence in an assisted-living facility, he found there were at least four things he could do about it: move, die, get over it, or write this book. For the past forty-two years, Down East Yankee John Gould has written about and been a staunch observer of the human condition. Here, Gould turns his perceptively critical lens toward lives as they are lived in an assisted-living facility. Five years ago, even though growing old still felt like an afterthought, Gould and his wife needed to move to an assisted-living community, henceforth known as "Rhapsody Home." Captivatingly charming, sarcastic, despairing, flip, taciturn, erudite, and altogether wonderful, Gould-an American original and a perfect narrator-tells the disagreeable truth about the move to Rhapsody Home. From the chef who quit because he couldn't stand the food to the apartment windows that were designed never to open, Gould, with razor sharp wit and a knack for turning a phrase, proves you can write a funny book about this very serious subject. With a new epilogue, this is a mixture of personal narrative and skillful reportage-a remarkable first-person account of what it's like to live in an assisted-living facility, and a much needed look at the way we provide for our elders.

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PRAISE FOR TALES FROM RHAPSODY HOMEThe ultimate insider's exposé, devoid of overblown postulations and stitched through instead with humor as sharp and poignant as a late summer breeze."-USA Today[Gould] can spin tales as heroic as Homer and as silly as Twain. . .

.He's constantly ruffling up his feathers in outrage and then winking at us."-The Christian Science Monitor"Alternatingly cranky, hilarious, and reflective . . . Required reading for anyone contemplating a move to one of these centers."-The Boston Globe

John Gould has lived his whole life in Maine. He is the author of twenty-nine books, most of them about the people and character of his home state. Now ninety-three and still writing his weekly column (which began in 1942) in the Christian Science Monitor, Gould and his wife lived in the real Rhapsody Home for five years. He now lives in Rockland, Maine.

What a delightful set of stories about adjusting to life in an assisted living facility! We all must face the inevitable loss of our independence, and there are many informational guidebooks to that effect. But John Gould explores these realities in a humorous fashion. Like the proverbial "spoonful of sugar" that helps the medicine go down, Gould offers more than a glimpse through the lense of laughter. A very worthwhile and enjoyable read.

This was his last book, I am SAD to say!!It is TRULY A MUST read for those of you who RESPECT your elderlys.He wrote this when he & his GREAT wife were in the nursing home. He wasinfuriated at the administration, and GOOD ol' JOHN WON his point, not theadministration at the nursing home where RESIDENTS have to pay atrociousamounts!!OH, this book EXCEEDS a 5 STAR rating easily!!JOHN won the case!!PS: He was a friend of my cousin, and what a dry DOWNEAST sense of humor in this great gentleman!

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