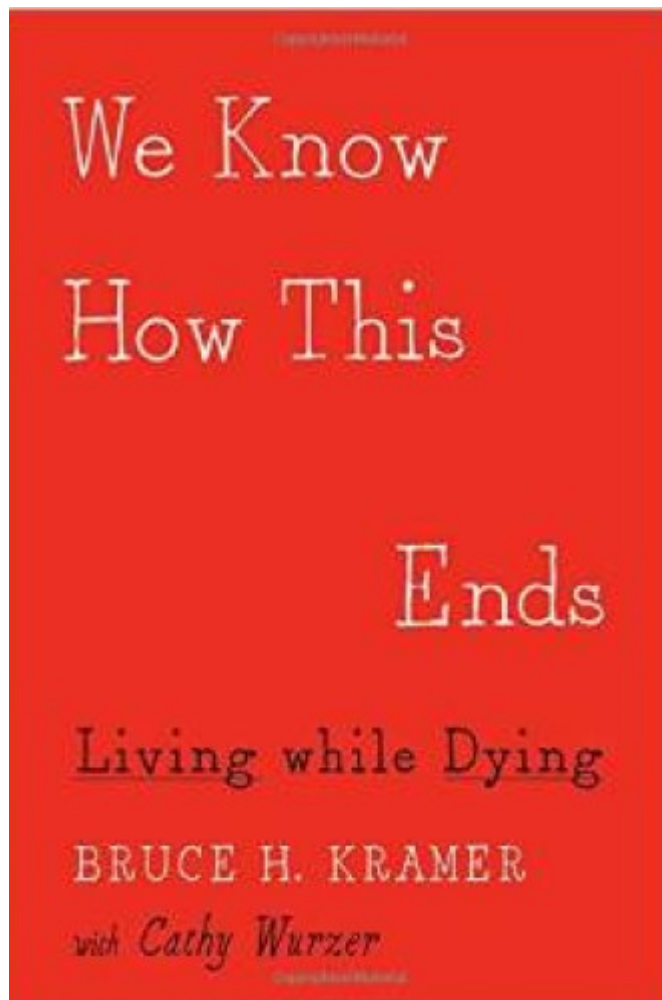


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## In Review



### **We Know How This Ends**

By Bruce H. Kramer with Cathy Wurzer  
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Bruce Kramer was a dean and professor at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, a passionate lover of music, and part-time choir director at his Methodist church. In 2010, at age 54, he received a diagnosis of ALS, also known as Lou

Gehrig's disease. Someone put Cathy Wurzer from Minnesota Public Radio's *Morning Edition* program in touch with him. Wurzer and Kramer had on-air conversations about what he was experiencing with this progressive disease. Kramer himself blogged under the name "The Dis Ease Diary." This book grows out of their dialogues and Kramer's blogs. When Kramer first learned of his ALS, "he sought to be engaged fully with life as he knew it." In time he embraced his death, trying to "engage with life as it is." Kramer died this past March.