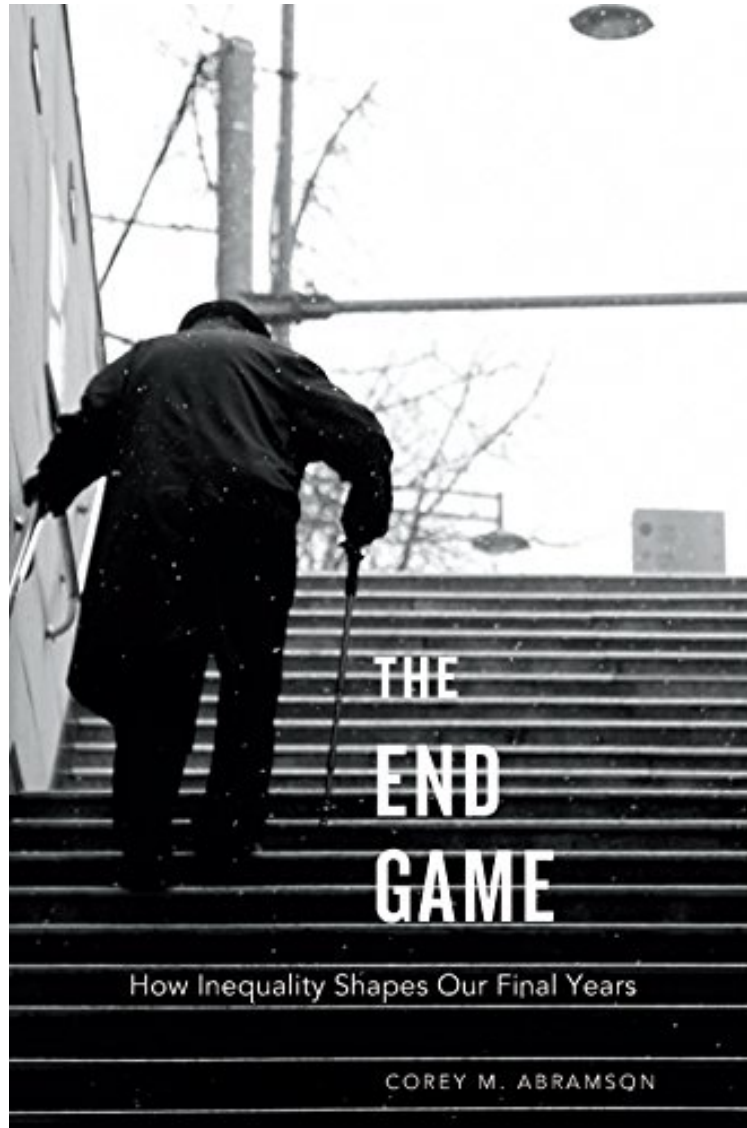


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elders in my family, so I think it would be of interest to the general reader as well. It's not a book about policy, but there are clear policy implications. I finished the book feeling that although we can't change some of the problems of aging he presents, we can definitely do better as a society, and I see specific steps we can take. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Different experiences in aging put in perspective. By Johanna As a senior I found this book very informative and engaging. It was recommended by a family member who read it for a class in college. It is beautifully written and filled with great stories about people from various backgrounds. More importantly, it was well researched and made me aware of the inequalities that exist in the aging experience of different people. By putting the different experiences in perspective it explains why we need policies like Social Security and Medicare. 3 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Preachy and Anecdotal By Herbert Gintis Well-off males live about fourteen years longer than poor males, and well-off females live ten year longer than poor females. I thought this book would help me understand why. I was rudely disappointed. The author uses anecdotes and lots of interesting interviews to document difference between well-off and poor, but never attempts a causal explanation of what affects what. Are people poor because they are unhealthy, or is their lack of income the cause of their relatively fragile physical constitutions? We do not find out in this book. I also object to the sentimental and emotive tone taken by the author. I care just as much as the author about the plight of the elderly and of the poor, but I try not to let my heart take over from my head. The author conforms well to the current culture of sociology in reversing heart and head.

Senior citizens face a gauntlet of physical, psychological, and social hurdles. But do disadvantages accumulated over a lifetime make the final years especially difficult for some people? Or does the quality of life among poor and affluent seniors converge? Corey Abramson investigates whether lifelong inequality structures the lives of the elderly.