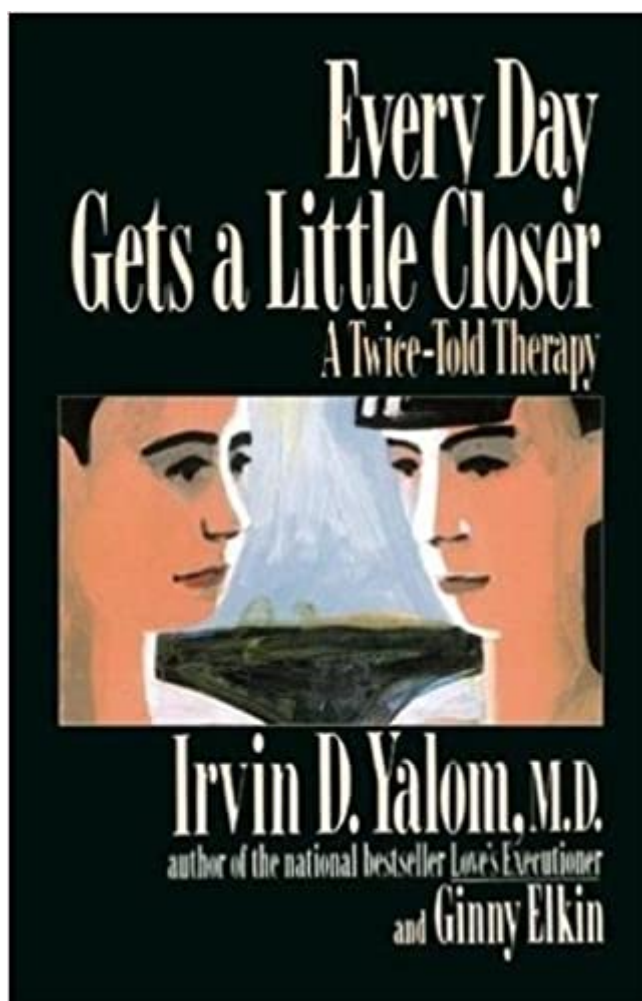


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Irvin D. Yalom, M.D., is professor emeritus of psychiatry at the Stanford University School of Medicine. He was the recipient of the 1974 Edward Strecker Award and the 1979 Foundation's Fund Prize in Psychiatry. He is the author of *When Nietzsche Wept* (winner of the 1993 Commonwealth Club gold medal for fiction), *Love's Executioner*, *Every Day Gets a Little Closer* (with Ginny Elkin), and the classic textbooks *Inpatient Group Psychotherapy* and *Existential Psychotherapy*. Irvin D. Yalom, M.D., is the author of *The Theory and Practice of Group Psychotherapy* and *Love's Executioner and Other Tales of Psychotherapy*, among other books. He is a professor of psychiatry at Stanford University.

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