

Table 2. Overview and characteristics of the included studies.

No	Authors / Year	Aim	Countries	Setting	Year of primary studies included	Databases	Study design of included studies	Population (person with dementia): total (n)	Mean age of person with dementia	Meta-analysis	No. of included studies	No. of studies using tangible product of Life Story Work/Life Story Book	AMS-TAR overall score/ ENTREQ rating
1	[33]	This study aimed to describe the benefit of the use of life story for nursing home resident with dementia.	Not stated but studies were limited language in English, German, French,	Institutional care home of dementia	1990 - 2003	Medline, CINAHL, PsycINFO	No restriction	Not reported	Not reported	N	28	10	Poor*

			Norwegian, Swedish, Danish										
2	[10]	This study focused on the potential psychosocial benefits of individualised reminiscence therapy for people with dementia	Not reported	Nursing home	2004 - 2010	PsychINFO, CINAHL, Medline, CENTRAL, EMBASE, Web of Knowledge	RCT	90	Mean age varied; 60-99 [34], 62-93 [35], 82.47 – 85.7 [36,37,38]	N	5	3	5

3	[14]	This study focused to review document available for life story resource in dementia care.	UK	Not reported	Not reported	Medline, PsycINFO, ERIC, PubMed Grey literature: Google Scholar	Practical written resource of life story	Not applicable	Not applicable	N	11	4	Good*
4	[13]	This study aimed to explore and describe the use of life stories and its influence on persons with dementia in nursing home, their relative and staff	United Kingdom (3) United States (1) Northern Ireland (1) Australia (1)	Nursing home	Between 2006 - 2015	CINAHL, PubMed, PsycINFO, Cochrane Library	Pilot study (3) Multiple case study (2) RCT (1)	Person with dementia: 70 33 relatives and 159 members or staff.	Not reported	N	6	6	8

5	[30]	This study aimed to provide an overview of how Life Story Book are used in dementia care	North Wales (2), United States (4; combined with Japan one), United Kingdom (3), Malaysia (2), Korea (1), Northern Ireland (1)	Care home (8) home (3) both (2) not clear (1)	Between 2003 to 2017	Scopus, PubMed, PsycINFO	Multiple baseline design (5) Multiple qualitative case study (1) Qualitative study (4) RCT (4)	243	mean age varied between 58.6 [39] and 92.8 years [40].	N	14	14	7
6	[31]	This study aimed to critically appraise the uncover theories of change and	UK (5) US (6) Canada (3) Australia (1) Japan (1)	Nursing / care home (9) Residential care (2) Memory clinic	1984 - 2014	Not reported	Not reported	184	Not reported	N	16	Not reported	5

		outcomes for Life Story Work in dementia care to inform a feasibility study in a systematic review.		(1) Own home (2) Not clear stated (2)									
7	[32]	To systematically review the literature regarding the experience of older people, families and staff using life-story work in residential care facilities for older people	UK (4) Australia (2) Canada (2) Norway (2) New Zealand (1) Ireland (1) USA (1)	Residential care	2008 - 2016	Scopus, EMBASE, CINAHL, MEDLINE, PsychInfo, PsychARTICLES, Cochrane	RCT (2) Quasi-experimental (1) Qualitative narrative (5) Exploratory (2) Multiple case study	150	Not reported	N	13	5	9

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***Qualitative Review articles, rated based on ENTREQ criteria**