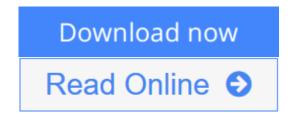
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-Kate Jacobs, author of The Friday Night Knitting Club and Comfort Food

"Camille Noe Pagán's debut novel is a powerful one about friendship, love and facing the past." —American Way

"Pagán writes with both a subtle sense of humor and great wisdom about the power of friendship and the importance of forgiveness in her quietly compelling literary debut." —Chicago Tribune

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"This page-turner with original, likable, empathetic characters and an identifiable theme will attract readers who enjoy intelligent novels about women's friendships." —Library Journal

"Camille Noe Pagán's debut sweeps the reader up and effortlessly carries them across decades of friendship, heartache, and pain. A poignant story of friendship and controlling your own destiny, The Art of Forgetting is simple, yet well rendered." —New York Journal of Books

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