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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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"... a beautiful book that weaves the story of two friends and how their friendship changes after one suffers a traumatic brain injury in a car accident." —Glamour.com

"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

"Smart chick lit." —SHAPE

"Pagán's dialogue is punctuated with piquant wit and snappy pop culture references, resulting in an upbeat, inspirational novel ... A cathartic, thought-provoking story of unconditional friendship and the choices we make on the road to becoming who we're meant to be." —Shelf Awareness

"This story of friendship and recovery is a must-read." —Women's Health

"[An] unforgettable portrait of the ups and downs of friendship." —Woman's World

About the Author

Camille Noe Pagán's work has appeared in dozens of national publications and Web sites, including *Fitness*, *Forbes.com*, *Glamour*, *O: The Oprah Magazine*, *Self*, and *Women's Health*. She lives with her family in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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