

# Can You Ever Forgive Me: A Memoir of Literary Forgery and Redemption

In the annals of literary history, the name Lee Israel will forever be synonymous with forgery. In the 1970s and 1980s, Israel forged letters from some of the most famous authors in the world, including Dorothy Parker, Ernest Hemingway, and Edna St. Vincent Millay. She sold these forged letters to collectors for thousands of dollars, and her crimes went undetected for years.



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Israel's story is a fascinating one, and it's one that's full of both humor and pathos. In her memoir, *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*, Israel tells the story of her life and the events that led her to forgery. She writes about her childhood, her struggles with mental illness, and her desperate attempts to make a living as a writer.

Israel's memoir is a cautionary tale about the dangers of obsession and the high price of dishonesty. But it's also a story of redemption. After Israel was caught and convicted of forgery, she spent time in prison. While in prison, she began to write her memoir, and she found that writing helped her to come to terms with her past and to find a new path for her life.

*Can You Ever Forgive Me?* is a powerful and moving memoir that offers a unique glimpse into the mind of a literary forger. It's a book that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

### **Praise for *Can You Ever Forgive Me?***

"A fascinating and unforgettable memoir." —The New York Times

"A tour de force of self-revelation." —The Washington Post

"A must-read for anyone interested in the dark side of literary history." —  
The Guardian

### **About the Author**

Lee Israel (1939-2014) was an American writer and literary forger. She was convicted of selling forged letters by famous authors in the 1970s and 1980s. Her memoir, *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*, was published in 2008.

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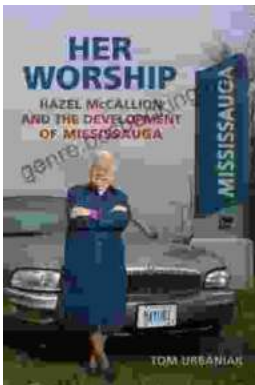
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