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In her memoir *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*, Lee Israel recounts her journey from respected literary biographer to forger and thief. Israel's story is a fascinating and disturbing look into the life of a woman who was both brilliant and deeply flawed.

Israel began her career as a successful biographer, writing books about Dorothy Parker, Lillian Hellman, and Estée Lauder. But after her career faltered in the 1990s, she turned to forgery to make ends meet. She began by forging letters from famous authors, such as Ernest Hemingway and Noel Coward, and selling them to collectors. But as her forgeries became more daring, she eventually crossed the line into theft, stealing letters from libraries and archives.

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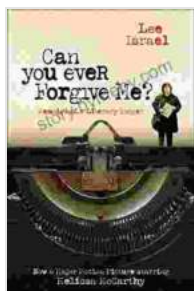
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About the Author

Lee Israel was an American writer and biographer. She is best known for her memoir *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*, which was adapted into a film starring Melissa McCarthy in 2018. Israel died in 2014 at the age of 75.

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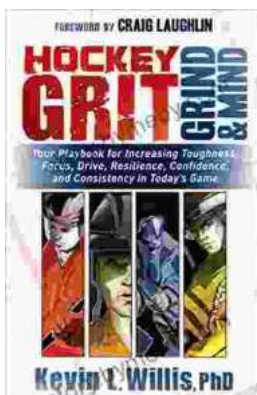
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