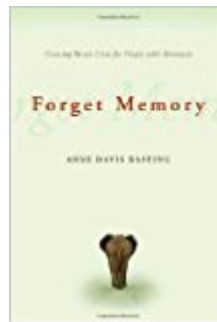




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Forget Memory: Creating Better Lives For People With Dementia (Paperback)



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