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I have a book coming out called *I Remember Nothing*, and it will probably not surprise you to hear that I can't recall how I came to write it.

I notice that most authors who write about their books on their Amazon page know exactly when inspiration struck, and they describe this Eureka moment quite eloquently. But I don't have a clue about mine. There had to have been a blinding flash when I realized I had to write something about Age and Memory, but, as I said, I remember nothing, and my guess is that this shimmering insight was followed in short order by my forgetting I'd had the idea in the first place. And then I had the idea again. And forgot it again. Until finally, miraculously, it stuck.

When you're young, you make jokes about how things slip your mind. You think it's amusing that you've wandered into the kitchen and can't remember why. Or that you carefully made a shopping list and left it home on the counter. Or that you managed to forget the plot of a movie you saw only last week.

And then you get older.

A couple of years ago, the actor Ryan O'Neal failed to recognize his own daughter Tatum at a funeral and accidentally made a pass at her. Everyone was very judgmental about this, but not me: only a few weeks earlier, I'd been in a mall in Las Vegas when a very pleasant-looking woman came toward me, her arms outstretched, and I thought to myself, who is this woman? How do I know her? It turned out to be my sister Amy. You might think, well, how was she to know her sister was in Las Vegas, but I'm sorry to say that not only did I know, but she was the person I was meeting in the mall.

Anyway, at some point, I thought it might be fun to write a book about what I remember, and what I've forgotten. I still feel bad about my neck, but I feel even worse about the fact that huge bits of my life have

gone slip-sliding away, and I thought I'd better write them down while I still had a sense of humor about it all.

From Publishers Weekly

Ephron's humorous observations on aging so beloved in *I Feel Bad About My Neck* continue in this collection of sprightly essays on everything from her deep affection for Google to memories of her complicated relationship with the famously irascible playwright, Lillian Hellmann. Ephron's voice has a nice grain to it, but where it should skip and flow to mimic the conversational patter of her prose, it stumbles and drags. Ephron enunciates so carefully and pauses so haltingly, the audiobook sounds more like bad amateur theater rather than an acclaimed humorist reading her own material. Stripped of the author's light touch and self-deprecation, the jokes fall flat, and Ephron's quips on, say, going to the bookstore to buy a book on Alzheimer's and forgetting the name of the book, are likely to elicit more cringes than chuckles. A Knopf hardcover. (Dec.)

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From Booklist

The legions of readers who loved *I Feel Bad about My Neck* (2006) will pounce on Ephron's pithy new collection. A master of the jujitsu essay, Ephron leaves us breathless with rueful laughter. As the title suggests, she writes about the weird vagaries of memory as we age, although she is happy to report that the Senior Moment has become the Google Moment. Not that any gadget rescued her when she failed to recognize her own sister. But the truth is, Ephron remembers a lot. Take her stinging reminiscence of her entry into journalism at *Newsweek* in the early 1960s, when "girls," no matter how well qualified, were never considered for reporter positions. An accomplished screenwriter (*When Harry Met Sally . . .* and *Julie & Julia*) in a family of screenwriters, Ephron looks further back to her Hollywood childhood and her mother's struggles with alcohol. Whether she takes on bizarre hair problems, culinary disasters, an addiction to online Scrabble, the persistent pain of a divorce, or that mean old devil, age, Ephron is candid, self-deprecating, laser-smart, and hilarious. **HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** Now a popular blogger in addition to everything else, Ephron hit it so big with her last best-seller, a 500,000 print run is planned for her latest. -Donna Seaman

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