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Before I Forget: Love, Hope, Help, And Acceptance In Our Fight Against Alzheimer's



Synopsis

I don't know where I'm going. I'm still myself. I just can't remember things as well as I once did. So on short trips, I work hard not to be confused. I'll say to myself, What are we going to do? How long are we staying? It's like I'm talking to my other self—the self I used to be. She tells me, This is what we need to buy—not that. I'm conscious of that other self guiding me now.

• Restaurateur, magazine publisher, celebrity chef, and nationally known lifestyle maven, B. Smith is struggling at 66 with a tag she never expected to add to that string: Alzheimer's patient. She's not alone. Every 67 seconds someone newly develops it, and millions of lives are affected by its aftershocks. • B. and her husband, Dan, working with Vanity Fair contributing editor Michael Shnayerson, unstintingly share their unfolding story. Crafted in short chapters that interweave their narrative with practical and helpful advice, readers learn about dealing with Alzheimer's day-to-day challenges: the family realities and tensions, ways of coping, coming research that may tip the scale, as well as lessons learned along the way. • At its heart, *Before I Forget* is a love story: illuminating a love of family, life, and hope. From the Hardcover edition.

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A special thank you to Crown Publishing and NetGalley for an ARC in exchange for an honest review. BEFORE I FORGET a courageous, rare, and bold memoirâthe painful truth, a personal journey and fight of early-onset Alzheimerâs; a supermodel, restaurateur, publisher, and celebrity chef, B. Smith. With incredible insights, education, and impeccable research from husband Dan Gasby, and beautifully written by Vanity Fair contributing editor and master storyteller, Michael Shanayerson âkeeping you glued to the pages, as if a work of fiction versus non-fiction, with wit, honesty, and sensitivity. A beautiful love story, which will melt your heart. Top Non-Fiction Books of 2016âA Must Read! Americaâs super couple steps out boldly to use their status and connections as advocates to help fight this terrible disease, for more awareness, research, and education-- for a cure. Another critical reason for stepping out to take action, is finding and testing new drugs. They are expensive, like \$1 billion for each new candidate. So it is important people take part in clinical trials. Alzheimerâs is the most under recognized threat to public health in the twenty-first century. The two most forward thinking states with driving forces are NC and Minnesota (education and activism on Alzheimerâs). There is much to learn and need for education and continued research in this fight. The easiest way is The Brain Registry âyou do not have Alzheimerâs to sign up or participate in a brain study trial.

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