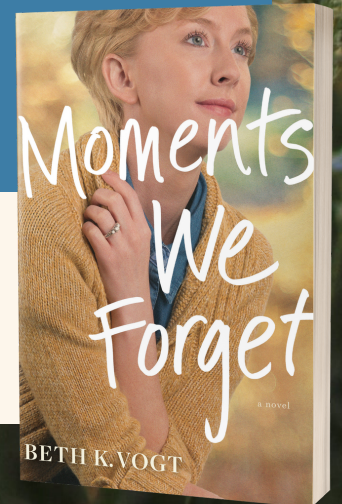


Moments We Forget

Book Club Kit

"Any reader of inspirational romance will enjoy this realistic story of overcoming adversity and tending to long-ignored familial wounds."

— ***Publishers Weekly***



Praise for the Moments We Forget

"A gripping novel that's impossible to put down. Fans of family dramas won't want to miss this one!"

Carla Laureano, RITA Award-winning author of
The Solid Grounds Coffee Company

"This book challenges the tough, the real, and the exquisite journey that is the life we live — shining a spotlight on the hope we cling to when all points don't line up the way we'd first planned."

Kristy Cambron, bestselling author of
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"This continuing story of the Thatcher sisters is rich in emotion as the sisters explore issues of family and faith, finding healing from troubled relationships, and forge exciting new ones."

Deborah Raney, author of
the Chandler Sisters novels and *A Vow to Cherish*

Why Are Forgotten Moments So Valuable?

By Beth K. Vogt

I often have the title of a novel before I've written the first word of the story. The title becomes an anchor for me, reminding me of the central theme of the book.

But it took me a while to settle on a title for book two in the Thatcher Sisters series. I made lists. Perused quotes—often a favorite source for book titles. Ran ideas past a few trusted writing friends. Tossed my ideas around with my family.

My daughter, Christa, who is also a creative, was the one who suggested the title *Moments We Forget*. It's true we can forget certain moments in our lives. But these three words perfectly capture a fundamental truth that too often can be overlooked: how the moments we forget can be the very ones that are most important to someone else. How an event we consider unimportant can be pivotal in someone else's life.

Jillian, the main character in *Moments We Forget*, feels unnoticed by her parents and siblings. As the middle Thatcher daughter, she feels lost between her sisters. She's overshadowed by the combined forces of Johanna, her successful professional older sister, as well as Payton and Pepper, her younger, identical twin sisters who excel athletically.

Because of a moment in her childhood, Jillian labels herself as "just Jillian." Most likely no one else in her family remembers the experience that hurt her so deeply. Her family doesn't comprehend how this incident—this supposedly insignificant moment—affected her. But Jillian bears the weight of that experience every day of her life. This moment is scorched in her memory and on her heart. Years later, the experience shapes who she is and how she interacts with others.

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Our lives are made up of moments too that become our life stories. These moments reflect the twists and turns that made us who we are today and that influence how we see ourselves and how we interact with others.

And so often, like Jillian, no matter what our birth order is, we just want to have our story acknowledged. We want to be heard. To be listened to. To be seen for who we are—not to be compared to someone else, like a sister or a classmate or someone else who is (supposedly) better than we are.

In *Moments We Forget*, Jillian had to reclaim the moment others overlooked, that others forgot about. She needed to admit how the experience hurt and affected her view of herself so she could heal and finally have a healthy, accurate view of who she was.

Sometimes we're told to "just get over" hurts in our past. Maybe the better thing to do—the braver thing to do—is to reclaim those forgotten moments so that God can heal them with His truth and grace and we can see who we are in His eyes.

God's Word says, "You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom" (Psalm 51:6, nasb). He used this scriptural truth in my life to help heal an overlooked moment in my life—a deep wound that had been neglected for years. As I recalled the event in the context of wise counsel, I found restoration in remembering and was able to move on . . . to fully see who I was in God's eyes.

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"Life's not perfect. And I'm not perfect. But for the first time, I'm beginning to be okay with that because I don't have to have all the answers. I don't have to fix everything."

Jillian in *Moments We Forget*

Discussion Questions

- 1 Payton decides to start a book club with her sisters in the hope that it will draw them closer together. Have you ever participated in a book club with family or friends? What kind of relationships developed?
- 2 Jillian has come through her treatment for breast cancer but finds herself struggling with the aftermath of her chemotherapy: forgetfulness, fatigue, loss of appetite, and discouragement. Have you experienced an illness that left you unable to function day to day? How did you cope?

- 3 Johanna is shocked when Dr. Axton Miller gets the promotion she's worked so hard for, especially after she's been interim pharmacy director for six months. What would you have done if you'd been in Johanna's place? Would you have stayed and tried to work with your new boss, or would you have decided it was time to look for a new job where you would be appreciated? When have you found yourself in a situation where you and your boss or a coworker had very different approaches to work?
- 4 Johanna and Beckett have been in a long-distance relationship for eight years. What's your take on long-distance romances? If you've been in one, do you have any tips for success?

"*Moments We Forget* is a beautiful exploration of the often-complicated and messy relationship between sisters."

Catherine West, author of
Where Hope Begins

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5 Jillian and Geoff decide to renovate their kitchen but discover one problem after another. If you've watched home renovation shows like *Flip or Flop* or *Property Brothers*, you know that happens all the time. Have you ever undertaken a major house project like theirs? It's time to share your house reno horror stories!

6 Jillian discovers Geoff has kept a huge secret from her—that he had two brothers and that his younger brother died, leaving him unwilling to have children—ever. Where do your sympathies lie: with Geoff and his grief or with Jillian? How do you think they should handle the issue of whether to adopt or not? Has infertility or childlessness touched your life in any way?

7 Jillian feels like she is stuck as the middle Thatcher sister—like she is “just Jillian.” Does your birth order—your position in your family—define who you are? How so?

8 Payton is still questioning what she believes about God—and also why she believes in God, afraid that she's choosing Him because of Pepper and Zach. Has your faith ever been tripped up by others' expectations for you?

9 In *Moments We Forget*, both Payton and Jillian choose to believe in Jesus. Stop for a moment and think about your own faith journey. Maybe you don't believe there's a God who loves you, who created you. Or maybe you're searching for answers . . . or are in a season of doubt. Maybe you can remember when you chose to believe in the sacrificial gift of mercy and grace God offers through His Son, Jesus. Share your stories with one another.

10 At the end of the book, Jillian decides to choose one word to focus on for the next year, instead of doing New Year's resolutions. She asks Geoff if he'd like to pick a word for the year, too. What did you think of the words they chose? Which do you prefer: resolutions or theme words—or neither? If you did choose one word to focus on for a year, what would it be?

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