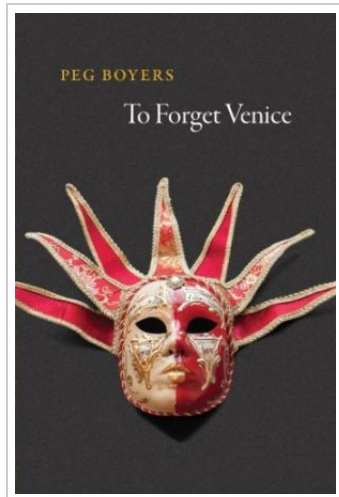




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To Forget Venice (Paperback)

By Peg Boyers

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