
Praise for

The Art of Losing Yourself

“Once again Ganshert holds us spellbound in *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* a beautiful story of endurance *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* and hope—offering no easy answers but *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* the irresistible light of Christ to guide us. And what characters! Real, heartbroken, warm, and seeking. Within them we meet our friends, our family, ourselves. I thoroughly enjoyed this and, as always, eagerly await *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* her next.”

—KATHERINE REAY, author of *Lizzy and Jane* and *Dear Mr. Knightley*

“*The Art of Losing The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel Yourself* highlights Katie Ganshert’s *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* vivid prose as it brims with reality that will challenge and change you with every turn of the page. Ganshert is not afraid *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* to write raw, to wrestle with the things that test our faith and, if we *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* are willing, draw us closer to God.”

—BETH K. VOGT, author of *Somebody Like You*, one of the *Publisher’s Weekly* Best Books of 2014

“Katie Ganshert’s poignant novel hits deep emotional chords as the characters battle to a place of healing through a haze of pain. As someone who has experienced the deep pain of miscarriage, I could so easily relate to Carmen’s journey. Carmen’s story emphasizes what I learned: the pain and broken relationships can be healed. While plumbing deep waters, this is a story of resounding hope and discovery. I highly recommend it!”

—CARA PUTMAN, award-winning author of *Shadowed by Grace* and *Where Treetops Glisten*

“This book will have readers lost in its pages *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* for hours, journeying along with two sisters in a rich, emotionally-charged tale *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* of second chances, restoration, and finding hope—and love—when it seems perpetually out of sight.”

—BETSY ST. AMANT, author of *All’s Fair in Love and Cupcakes*

“Sitting down with a Katie Ganshert novel is like talking with a trusted friend. It’s something to look forward to, knowing the conversation won’t disappoint and you’ll be the better for it at the end. *The Art of Losing Yourself* is a poignant tale of estrangement, loss, and grief, and the joy that comes *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* in discovering you are indeed loved. In her classic tell-it-like-is style, Ganshert’s complex characters step off the page and invite you in. Their journeys are difficult but relatable, and we’re sucked along for the ride, rooting for them

the whole way. And when the last page is turned, we are left with a smile and the contented sigh that comes at the conclusion of every wonderful read.”

—CATHERINE WEST, award-winning author of *Yesterday’s Tomorrow*

“Katie Ganshert will sweep you into another world in *The Art of Losing Yourself*. I loved this book! The journey Katie’s characters take is raw, beautiful, and honest, and the prose is lovely.”

—CINDY WOODSMALL, author of *A Love Undone*

“In *The Art of Losing Yourself*, Katie Ganshert has woven a sensitive story of hope and healing for our modern world. *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* The *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* empathy with *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* which Ganshert explores the complexity of the human heart is so authentic and the depth of emotion so real, I was brought to tears more than once. Sisters, daughters, and mothers alike will find themselves moved by this book.”

—KRISTY CAMBRON, author of *The Butterfly and the Violin* and *A Sparrow in Terezin*

“Wounded, heart-tugging characters. Beautiful prose. An emotional journey that holds the reader captive. Katie Ganshert has such a way of tapping into those raw, vulnerable places with her characters, and *The Art of Losing Yourself* *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* is no exception. I love the thread of hope and unabashed honesty weaving through this story of loss and letting go.”

—MELISSA TAGG, author of *From the Start*

“With a keen attention to detail *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* and a unique voice, Katie Ganshert has woven a poignant and powerful story in *The Art of Losing Yourself*. Universal themes, charged and realistic emotions, and characters readers will easily relate to make this story a standout.”

—COURTNEY WALSH, author of *Paper Hearts* and the *New York Times* e-book bestseller *A Sweethaven Summer*

“*The Art of Losing Yourself* took my breath away with its ability to portray the complex facets *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* of human relationships in such a realistic yet tender way. Ganshert’s writing creates a prism of perspectives into the lives of characters as deeply *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* flawed as they are endearing. Carmen’s and Gracie’s stories made *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* me laugh, made me cry, and made me *think*—and that’s my definition of *The Art of Losing Yourself: A Novel* a perfect novel.”

—DEBORAH RANEY, author of *The Face of the Earth* and the Chicory Inn Novels series

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