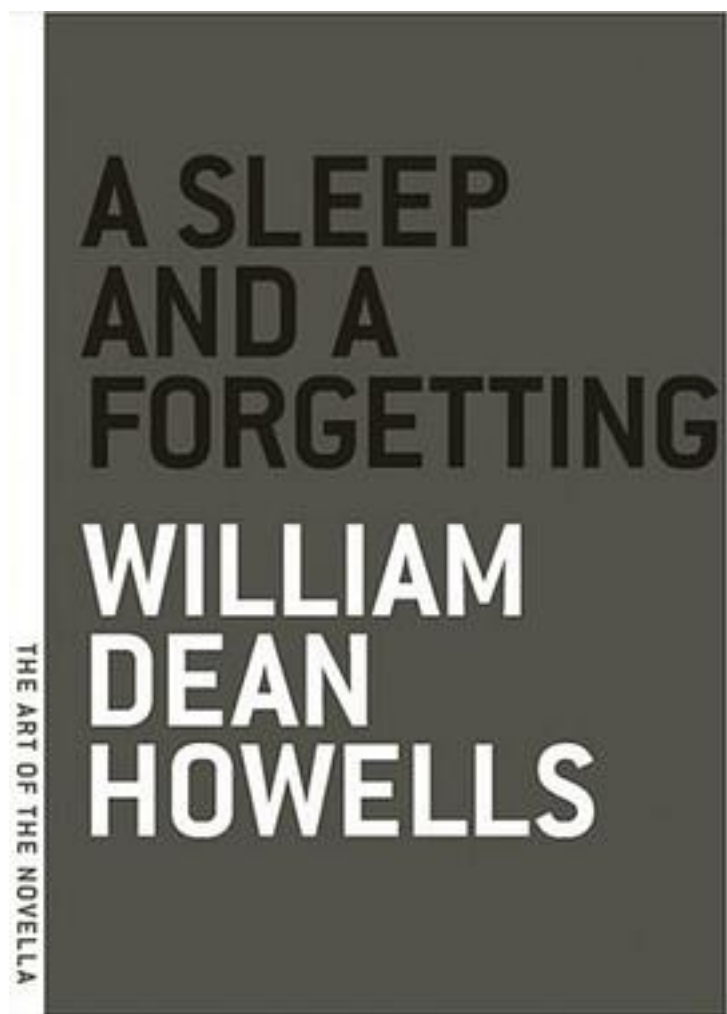


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Unless she was out of her mind there was no way of accounting for her behavior...

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