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A leap of faith in an age of free-falling.

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JUMP Christopher took his first leap of faith at the age of five. He jumped off the tree in his backyard, right into his father's arms. It was only the first branch up, but his father ruffled his hair, held him tight and said he had the faith of a boy twice his age. Each year, on his birthday, Christopher takes another jump. Each time, a little higher up that tree. If he lands safely, he would earn God's pleasure. But one year, Christopher breaks his leg, and suddenly it's his little sister who seems to please their parents best. Distance grows between him and his father, especially as an addiction takes root in his heart, launching him into a dangerous free-fall. Desperate for escape, Christopher looks to college, thinking he might find God on his own terms. Yet as he becomes entrenched in the secular haven of higher education, he discovers the "Cathedral of Learning" is no more of a savior than a tree. He flees once more, hitchhiking with an atheist set on his own journey. But as they end up in Selma, Alabama, Christopher and his new friend land in a church that won't let them get away.



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