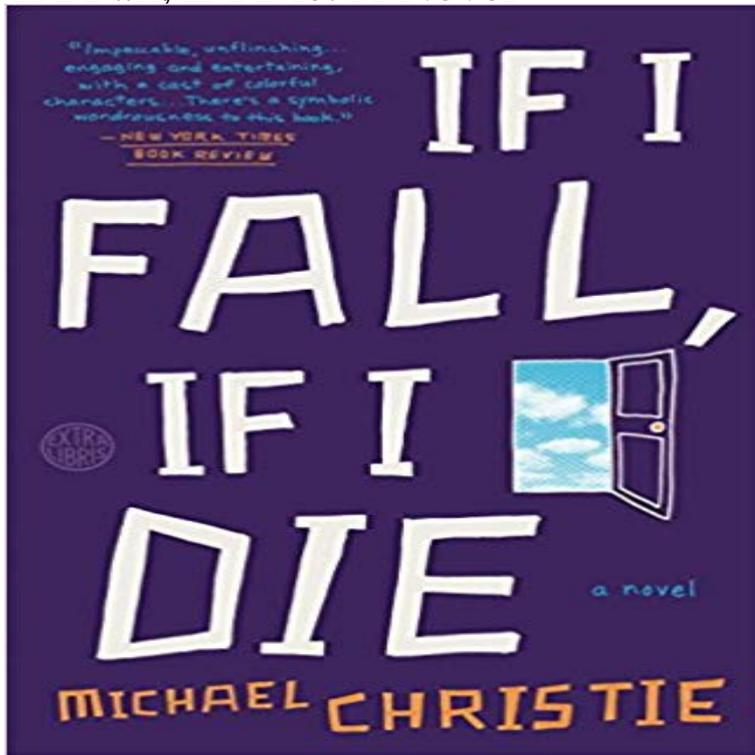


If I Fall, If I Die: A Novel



A heartfelt and wondrous debut about family, fear, and skateboarding, that Karen Russell calls A bruiser of a tale ... a death-defying coming-of-age story. Will has never been outside, at least not since he can remember. And he has certainly never gotten to know anyone other than his mother, a fiercely loving yet wildly eccentric agoraphobe who panics at the thought of opening the front door. Their world is rich and fun- lovingfull of art, science experiments, and musicand all confined to their small house. But Wills thirst for adventure cant be contained. Clad in a protective helmet and unsure of how to talk to other kids, he finally ventures outside. At his new school he meets Jonah, an artsy loner who introduces Will to the high-flying freedoms of skateboarding. Together, they search for a missing local boy, help a bedraggled vagabond, and evade a dangerous bootlegger. The adventure is more than Will ever expected, pulling him far from the confines of his closed-off world and into the throes of early adulthood, and all the risks that everyday life offers. In buoyant, kinetic prose, Michael Christie has written an emotionally resonant and keenly observed novel about mothers and sons, fears and uncertainties, and the lengths well go for those we love.From the Hardcover edition.

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instruct us, our worries, even though debilitating, may not Reading If I Fall, If I Die, the debut novel by Michael Christie (author of the Christies heavy use of imagery in this novel reflects the kind of 15 quotes from If I Fall, If I Die: The Outside had taught him that there wasnt much difference between loving someone and being afraid for Rate this book.If I Fall, If I Die. A Novel. A Novel. By Michael Christie His first book, The Beggars Garden, was a finalist for a number of major Canadian prizes and the winner He has never even been to town. In fact the 11-year-old protagonist of Michael Christies debut novel, If I Fall, If I Die, has never been Outside. Michael Christies first novel, If I Fall, If I Die, is rooted in geography. Specifically, a slumping Thunder Bay (where Christie was born, and wrote