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2015 Will D. Campbell Award winner **Christopher Martin** lives with his family in northwest Georgia. An English instructor at Georgia Highlands College, faculty member of the Appalachian Young Writers Workshop, and graduate of Kennesaw State University's MA in Professional Writing program, Martin is author of three poetry chapbooks: *Everything Turns Away, Marcescence*, and *A Conference of Birds*. His essays and poems have appeared in publications across the country. He is the founding editor of *Flycatcher*, a contributing editor at *New Southerner*, and winner of the 2014 George Scarbrough Prize for Poetry. *This Gladdening Light* will be Martin's nonfiction book debut, and his full-length debut of any genre.

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