Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult

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Jodi Picoult’s mystery, young-adult novel Leaving Time is not part of a series; all of the action happens in just this one book. I ended up picking this book up from the library when I was searching for something new to read, and the description on the back intrigued me and as soon as I read the first page I was interested. From the very start, the motif of elephants appears and is carried throughout the book which I found to be such a wonderful detail. The main character, Jenna, is a thirteen-year-old girl in search of her mother who went missing when Jenna was very young. She decides to begin a serious search, taking the reader alongside the fascinating cast of characters to find unexpected answers to their many questions. While I have read books with missing characters, the way Picoult crafts this story is unlike anything I have ever read. I would recommend this novel to anyone who loves a good mystery, a riveting plot, and getting to know characters in an in-depth way. Those who would like to learn more about elephants would like this book as well. I love this book and it is one of the first ones that come to mind when I am asked about my favorites. The cover is simple, yet beautiful and it symbolizes paths crossing in the same way it appears in this novel.

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