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T Analysis for John Knowles's *A Separate Peace*

Question: How does John Knowles use Biblical allusions in the novel, and for what greater purpose does he use these allusions?

Thesis: Knowles uses allusions to the Garden of Eden story and to Jesus Christ to bring about the theme of self-knowledge.

Quotes

Analysis

After Gene apologizes for pushing Finny out of the tree, Finny says, "I believe you. It's okay because I understand and I believe you. You've already shown me and I believe" (183).

These are the last words Finny says to Gene in the novel. It has taken Gene almost the entire novel to finally apologize to Finny with no ulterior motive. One could imagine these words coming from Jesus or other historical figures that have sacrificed themselves for the better good of others.