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The Barefoot Lawyer: The Remarkable Memoir of China's Bravest Political Activist (Main Market Ed.)

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Pan Macmillan. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Barefoot Lawyer: The Remarkable Memoir of China's Bravest Political Activist (Main Market Ed.), Chen Guangcheng, The Dalai Lama, It was like a scene out of a thriller: one morning in April 2012, China's most famous political activist—a blind, self-taught lawyer—climbed over the wall of his heavily guarded home and escaped. For days, his whereabouts remained unknown; after he turned up at the American embassy in Beijing, a furious round of high-level negotiations finally led to his release and a new life in the United States. Chen Guangcheng is a unique figure on the world stage, but his story is even more remarkable than we knew. The son of a poor farmer in rural China, blinded by illness when he was an infant, Chen was fortunate to survive a difficult childhood. But despite his disability, he was determined to educate himself and fight for the rights of his country's poor, especially a legion of women who had endured forced sterilizations under the hated 'one child' policy. Repeatedly harassed, beaten, and imprisoned by Chinese authorities, Chen was ultimately placed under house arrest. After a year of fruitless protest and increasing danger, he evaded...



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