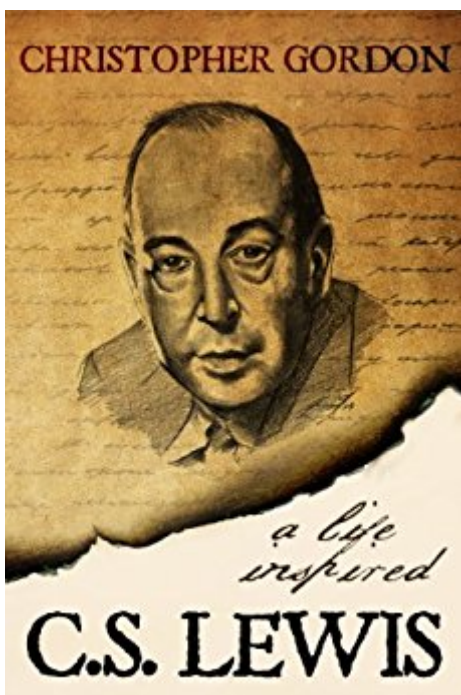


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C.S. Lewis: A Life Inspired



Synopsis

A man of reason and vigorous discourse, and a renowned professor of literature and philosophy, C.S. Lewis, always a Jack to family and friends, never shied from intellectual debate, and through his written works encouraged others to wrestle with the difficult questions of faith. A master of visual illustration and allegory, Lewis wrote with the intuitive understanding that his readers wrestled with the same questions about the Christian story, about pain, suffering, and notions of Heaven and Hell, as he himself had wrestled. He also understood that others found reason and imagination to be incompatible aspects of an understanding of God and the universe.

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Customer Reviews

Many years ago, shortly after my conversion, I was drawn to C. S. Lewis, but found his books difficult to understand. About two years ago, my interest peaked again on reading a book about his work in the time of the war. Again, I tried to read him, but I faced the same difficulty. I found the answer to my problem in "C.S. Lewis: A Life Inspired." While I am relatively new

to Wyatt North books, the ones I have read have all been excellent. This one is no different. C.S. Lewis came alive in this easy read. His life was outlined in an understandable way, especially his conversion and how it influenced his life and his writings. However, for me, the best part of this book was the way the author set out to explain his books. This book is a must for anyone like me who had difficulty understanding Lewis. One can now read the chapter on book to be read and have an outline of the reasons for his writing the book and an understanding of his message. This is a must read.

I first met C. S. Lewis through his Space Trilogy. Of course, at the time I did not know I was encountering a science fictional form of Christian theology. To me, it was just a great space adventure, though a little dated since it was published in the Thirties and Forties. Later, I came across his "Screwtape Letters" as a teenager, and "Mere Christianity" as an adult. Somehow I missed reading the Narnia series, even though I bought a boxed set for my then young daughter. As an even older adult, I read his last works in "The Dark Tower." What eluded me, however, was the man behind the words. In this book from Wyatt North, every aspect of C. S. Lewis is examined, from birth to death, and the legacy he has left behind. The author tells how Lewis became the man he was. One of the things I found most interesting was how he coped with his unexpected celebrity status during the war years when he gave series of talks to the nation over the BBC, the segments of which became some of his best known books. This book is an excellent reference for anyone who wants to know the man behind the books, whether you're looking for the author of the Space Trilogy, the Narnia series, or the philosophy books.

Very good read on the life of C. S. LEWIS. Gives the reader a quick birds eye view of an amazing man and his conversion to a life eternal.

This is a good overall picture of Lewis' early years and a swift overview of what critics have said during and after the great man's death. Anyone who has read a good deal of Lewis' own literature will already know most of what is revealed in this book. It's a good basic overview, with a tad too much emphasis put on Lewis' cultural/family prejudices. I completely disagree with the author's broad hint that Lewis supported the senseless subordination of women. He and the Apostle Paul certainly supported women's Biblical state of submission, if only in the same way that Christ submitted to the Father's will while on earth. There is nothing demeaning or degrading about the state of submission - the degradation comes from men who abuse that state for their own benefit.

I'm quite sure, from reading much of C.S. Lewis' writings, that he would probably say something similar.

Christopher Gordon's biographical literary survey of the life and work of C.S. Lewis is a very readable and effective summary. Since I have read most of Lewis' books, some of them multiple times, there was really nothing new in this book for me, but it was well-organized, thoughtful and enjoyable. I would especially recommend it to those who are newly arrived to the discovery of Lewis' timeless work and need some background and explanation.

As with many, Lewis was instrumental in the development of my Christian ethos. This book encapsulates Lewis's struggles and genius. As it weaves through brief summaries of his works it melds his life and his writing in a way that makes accessible Lewis's complex mind and often detached emotions. It's a quick read and only scratches the surface but it was rewarding and worth the effort. Recommended, especially if you are a fan of Lewis.

This is a very helpful though brief introduction to C. S. Lewis. Having read many of Lewis' work, I'm familiar with Lewis' biography and themes. I did learn a few things from this book but it does not go into great depth about his life or his books. However, it definitely hits the highlights and is written well and the author sneaks in the occasional gem of insight.

Although I have known of C.S. Lewis and read a number of his books, I had never looked into his background and upbringing. His is a complicated path to finding the faith and it is interesting how it came to him all of a sudden. The realization had, obviously, been simmering a long time. I enjoyed the explanation and background given to his major literary works and it adds a better understanding to any reading of his publications. It was also quite interesting how his personal relationships with his brother and housekeeper influenced his literary career. Well worth the read, and it has caused me to look at other sources of biographical material for this interesting man.

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