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Collection Description

The Contemporaries & Other Inklings Collection features a variety of rare books, pamphlets, and articles written by and about members of the Inklings and those who were their friends or inspirations. Please refer to the separate finding aids for these authors: C. S. Lewis, Charles Williams, Dorothy L. Sayers, George MacDonald, and Owen Barfield.

Related Materials

C. S. Lewis Collection
Charles Williams Collection
Dorothy L. Sayers Collection
George MacDonald Collection
Owen Barfield Collection

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Collection Inventory

- "n.d." indicates publication date unknown
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Series 1: Warren Lewis Materials

This series consists of the books and letters written by Warren Lewis (1895-1973), the older brother of C. S. Lewis. The letters co-written by both brothers are marked as such in the series, and all letters were written to June/Jill Flewett-Freud. This series is organized into two subseries by type, and items within the subseries are organized by date written.

Series 1A: Warren Lewis Letters

Series 1B: Warren Lewis Books

Series 2: Books by J. R. R. Tolkien

This series consists of various original and special editions of works by J. R. R. Tolkien (1892-1973), including published booklets and anthologies in which his works have been published. This series is listed alphabetically by book title, followed by date published.

Series 3: Lewis Carroll and the Victorians

This series consists of books and materials by Victorian writers who were influential on members of the Inklings. This includes Charles Dodgson, better known by his pseudonym, Lewis Carroll (1832-1898). This series is organized by date published. Please note that works by Charles Dodgson are listed under his pseudonym, Lewis Carroll, and not his given name.

Series 4: Personal Library of Arthur Greeves

This series contains books from the personal library of Arthur Greeves (1895-1966), who was a close friend of C. S. Lewis. This series is organized by date published.

Series 5: Other Inklings & Friends' Serials and Booklets

This series contains materials to which the Inklings contributed articles, poems, and other written works, as well as later periodicals and scholarships about the Inklings. People with works in this series include Pauline Baynes (1922-2008), Hilaire Belloc (1870-1953), and Roger Lancelyn Green (1918-1987). This series is organized by date published.

Series 6: Scholarship and Other Sources

This series contains various essays, reflections, biographies, and analyses of the life and works of members of the Inklings and those in their circle. Reviews of their published works written by their contemporaries are also included here. This series is organized by date published.

Series 1: Warren Lewis Materials

Series 1A: Warren Lewis Letters

Date	Additional Details	Ref. ID
n.d.		483
1945 (Oct 15)		206
1946 (Sept 9)		205
1946 (Dec 20)		203
1948 (Feb 16)		101
1948 (Dec 3)		100
1948 (Dec 9)		99
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1949 (Dec 4)		96
1950 (July 25)		95
1950 (Aug 28)		93
1950 (Sept 28)	Co-written with C. S. Lewis	91
1951 (Nov 20)		90
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1953 (Sept 9)		87
1953 (Sept 24)	Co-written with C. S. Lewis	86
1953 (Dec 14)		85
1953 (Dec 31)		84
1954 (Mar 22)	Co-written with C. S. Lewis	82
1954 (Apr 7)		81
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1954 (Jul 19)		79
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1955 (Apr 18)		76
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1956 (Dec 30)		73
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1957 (Dec 12)		71
1958 (Mar 9)		70
1958 (Oct 23)		69
1958 (Dec 6)		68

Series 1A: Warren Lewis Letters, continued

1959 (Dec 15)		67
1960 (Dec 13)		66
1961 (Dec 21)		64
1965 (Dec 13)		63
1965 (Dec 21)		62
1965 (Dec 26)		61
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1966 (Mar 17)		59
1966 (Mar 22)		58
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1966 (May 3)		56
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1966 (Dec 4)		54
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1967 (Jan 4)		52
1967 (Dec 11)		51
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1968 (Jan 31)		49
1968 (Dec 10)		48
1969 (Oct 4)		47
1969 (Dec 9)		46
1970 (Oct 6)		45
1971 (Dec 6)		43
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Series 1B: Warren Lewis Books

Title	Date	Additional Details	Ref. ID
The Splendid Century	1953	Owned by Dorothy L. Sayers	1044
The Sunset of the Splendid Century	1955	Owned by Dorothy L. Sayers	1045
Assault on Olympus: The Rise of the House of Gramont between 1604 and 1678	1958	First edition	1046
Levantine Adventurer: The Travels and Missions of the Chevalier d'Arvioux 1653-1697	1963	First American edition; inscribed by Warren Lewis	1043

Series 2: Books by J. R. R. Tolkien

Book Title	Date	Additional Details	Ref. ID
Beowulf: The Monsters and the Critics	1963	Reprinting of J. R. R. Tolkien's "Beowulf" talk given for the Sir Israel Gollancz Memorial Lecture at British Academy, from the proceedings of the British Academy, volume XXII	1188
Farmer Giles of Ham	1965	Illustrated by Pauline Baynes	1190
The Lord of the Rings	1965	Second edition; 3 volumes	1199
The Road Goes Ever On: A Song Cycle	1967	Tolkien poems set to music; music composed by Donald Swann	1187
Smith of Wootton Major	1967	First edition	1196
Smith of Wootton Major	1967	First edition	1204
Smith of Wootton Major	1967		1205
The Father Christmas Letters	1976	First edition, third impression	1193
The Tolkien Companion	1976	First edition	1186
The Silmarillion	1977	First American edition	1201
The Silmarillion	1977	First American edition	1202
Unfinished Tales	1980	First American edition	1206
The Letters of J. R. R. Tolkien	1981	First edition; edited by Humphrey Carpenter	1197
Mr. Bliss	1983	First American edition	1200
The Book of Lost Tales: Part One	1984	First American edition	1189
The Lord of the Rings: The Complete Best-Selling Classic	1994		1198
Letters from Father Christmas	1995		1194

Series 2: Books by J. R. R. Tolkien, continued

The Hobbit, or There and Back Again	1997		1191
The Father Christmas Letters	1998	Miniature edition	1195
The Hobbit, or There and Back Again	2007	Pocket edition	1192

Series 3: Lewis Carroll and the Victorians

Title	Author	Date	Format	Additional Details	Ref. ID
Book of Familiar Quotations	n.a.	n.d.	Book	Third edition; full subtitle: "Being a Collection of Popular Extracts and Aphorisms from the Works of the Best Authors"	846
Scribner's Monthly	Blake, William	1880 (May-Oct)	Serial	Vol. 20; William Blake illustration that George MacDonald used for his bookplate	1151
St. Nicholas: Scribner's Illustrated Magazine for Girls and Boys	n.a.	1887-1888 (Nov-Oct)	Serial	Vol. 15; review essay "London Christmas Pantomimes," which includes detailed description of contemporary pantomime of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	1134
The Diaries of Lewis Carroll: Volume 1	Carroll, Lewis	1953	Book	First edition; edited by Roger Lancelyn Green	1234
The Humorous Verse of Lewis Carroll	Carroll, Lewis	1960	Book		1233

Series 4: Personal Library of Arthur Greeves

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Book Title	Date	Additional Details	Ref. ID
Castle Warlock	n.d.		651
Malcolm	n.d.	Inscribed by J. Arthur Greeves; inscribed by C. S. Lewis	715
Robert Falconer	n.d.	Inscribed by J. Arthur Greeves, dated 1930; inscribed by C. S. Lewis	750
What's Mine's Mine	n.d.		789
Annals of a Quiet Neighbourhood	1893	Inscribed by Arthur Greeves	647
Annals of a Quiet Neighbourhood	1893	Inscribed by Arthur Greeves, dated 1930; inscribed by C. S. Lewis	646
Salted with Fire	1897		756
Words by an Eyewitness: The Struggle in Natal	1901		1049
Broomsticks and Other Tales	1925		1048
Animal Stories	1939		1040

Series 5: Other Inklings & Friends' Serials and Books

Title	Author	Date	Format	Additional Details	Ref. ID
Narnia Map	Baynes, Pauline	n.d.	Map		485
On Anything	Belloc, Hilaire	1910	Book	Book dedicated "to George MacDonald Lemmi" (printed)	1260
The Emerald of Catherine the Great	Belloc, Hilaire	1926	Book	Illustrated by G. K. Chesterton	1261
Nine: A Magazine of Literature and the Arts	Barfield, Owen	1950 (Dec)	Serial	Poem "The Man Who Knew Chalk from Cheese" by Nevill Coghill	504
The Diaries of Lewis Carroll: Volume 1	Carroll, Lewis	1953	Book	First edition; edited by Roger Lancelyn Green	1234
Geoffrey Chaucer	Coghill, Neville	1959	Booklet	First edition pub. 1956; paperback; Writers and their Work no. 79	516
Essays on Malory	Bennett, J. A. W.	1963	Book		906
The Humane Medievalist: An Inaugural Lecture	Bennett, J. A. W.	1965	Lecture	Inaugural lecture that functions as tribute to C. S. Lewis; lecture given Dec 20, 1964	103
Light on C. S. Lewis	Gibb, Jocelyn (ed)	1965	Book	Includes reflections by Owen Barfield, Austin Farrer, and Nevill Coghill	952
Light on C. S. Lewis	Gibb, Jocelyn (ed)	1965	Book	Uncorrected proof; includes reflections by Owen Barfield, Austin Farrer, and Nevill Coghill	953
Light on C. S. Lewis	Gibb, Jocelyn (ed)	1965	Book	Includes reflections by Owen Barfield, Austin Farrer, and Nevill Coghill	954

Series 5: Other Inklings and Friends' Serials and Books, continued

Chaucer's Book of Fame: An Exposition of 'The House of Fame'	Bennett, J. A. W.	1968	Book		520
Chaucer at Oxford and at Cambridge	Bennett, J. A. W.	1974	Book		519
Puffin Annual: Number One		1974	Book	Writing by Roger Lancelyn Green and drawings by Pauline Baynes	1220

Series 6: Scholarship and Other Sources

Title	Author	Date	Format	Additional Details	Ref. ID
Assorted newspaper clippings	n.a.	n.d.	Newspaper Clipping	Related to J. R. R. Tolkien, some without attribution	1373, 1376, 1378
The Christian Century: clippings	n.a.	n.d.	Newspaper Clipping	Clippings related to the Inklings and Friends, from the Christian Century	1238
Alphabetical List of the Resident Members of the University of Oxford with their Addresses		1942 (Sept)	Booklet	C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien listed	323
The Horn Book Magazine: About Children's Books and Reading	n.a.	1971 (Aug)	Serial	Article "With Apologies to Lewis Carroll"	283
Tree by Tolkien	Wilson, Colin	1973	Book	Inscribed by Wilson (number 13 of 100 limited edition copies, with a note that the limited edition print run was 600 copies total)	1258
C. S. Lewis: A Biography	Green, Roger Lancelyn and Walter Hooper	1974	Book	Uncorrected advance proof	1033
An Irish Friendship in English Lit: Nevill Coghill, C. S. Lewis, and the "Cave"	Lobdell, Jared C.	2001 (Nov 16)	Lecture	Jared C. Lobdell's address to Taylor University's Lewis & Friends colloquium, 2001	397