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# OTHER BOOKS OF INTEREST

## C. S. LEWIS

### *C. S. Lewis: Views From Wake Forest – Essays on C. S. Lewis*

Michael Travers, editor

Contains sixteen scholarly presentations from the international C. S. Lewis convention in Wake Forest, NC. Walter Hooper shares his important essay “Editing C. S. Lewis,” a chronicle of publishing decisions after Lewis’ death in 1963.

*“Scholars from a variety of disciplines address a wide range of issues. The happy result is a fresh and expansive view of an author who well deserves this kind of thoughtful attention.”*

Diana Pavlac Glyer, author of *The Company They Keep*

### *The Hidden Story of Narnia:*

#### *A Book-By-Book Guide to Lewis’ Spiritual Themes*

Will Vaus

A book of insightful commentary equally suited for teens or adults – Will Vaus points out connections between the *Narnia* books and spiritual/biblical themes, as well as between ideas in the *Narnia* books and C. S. Lewis’ other books. Learn what Lewis himself said about the overarching and unifying thematic structure of the *Narnia* books. That is what this book explores; what C. S. Lewis called “the hidden story” of *Narnia*. Each chapter includes questions for individual use or small group discussion.

### *Why I Believe in Narnia:*

#### *33 Reviews and Essays on the Life and Work of C. S. Lewis*

James Como

Chapters range from reviews of critical books, documentaries and movies to evaluations of Lewis’ books to biographical analysis.

*“A valuable, wide-ranging collection of essays by one of the best informed and most acute commentators on Lewis’ work and ideas.”*

Peter Schakel, author of *Imagination & the Arts in C. S. Lewis*

### *C. S. Lewis: His Literary Achievement*

Colin Manlove

*“This is a positively brilliant book, written with splendor, elegance, profundity and evidencing an enormous amount of learning. This is probably not a book to give a first-time reader of Lewis. But for those who are more broadly read in the Lewis corpus this book is an absolute gold mine of information. The author gives us a magnificent overview of Lewis’ many writings, tracing for us thoughts and ideas which recur throughout, and at the same time telling us how each book differs from the others. I think it is not extravagant to call C. S. Lewis: His Literary Achievement a tour de force.”*

Robert Merchant, *St. Austin Review*, Book Review Editor

*In the Footsteps of C. S. Lewis: A Photographic Pilgrimage to the British Isles*  
Will Vaus

Over the course of thirty years, Will Vaus has journeyed to the British Isles many times to walk in the footsteps of C. S. Lewis. His private photographs of the significant places in Lewis' life have captured the imagination of audiences in the US and UK to whom he has lectured on the Oxford don and his work. This, in turn, prompted the idea of this collection of 78 full-color photographs, interwoven with details about Lewis' life and work. The combination of words and pictures make this a wonderful addition to the library of all Lewis scholars and readers.

*Exploring the Eternal Goodness:  
Selected Writings of David L. Neuhouser*  
Joe Ricke and Lisa Ritchie, Editors

In 1997, due to David's perseverance, the Brown Collection of books by and about C. S. Lewis and related authors came to Taylor University and the Lewis and Friends Colloquium began. This book of selected writings reflects his scholarship in math and literature, as well as his musings on beauty and the imagination. The twenty-one tributes are an indication of the many lives he has influenced. This book is meant to acknowledge David L. Neuhouser for his contributions to scholarship and to honor his life of friendship, encouragement, and genuine goodness.

*Speaking of Jack: A C. S. Lewis Discussion Guide*  
Will Vaus

C. S. Lewis Societies have been forming around the world since the first one started in New York City in 1969. Will Vaus has started and led three groups himself. *Speaking of Jack* is the result of Vaus' experience in leading those Lewis Societies. Included here are introductions to most of Lewis' books as well as questions designed to stimulate discussion about Lewis' life and work. These materials have been "road-tested" with real groups made up of young and old, some very familiar with Lewis and some newcomers. *Speaking of Jack* may be used in an existing book discussion group, to start a C. S. Lewis Society, or as a guide to your own exploration of Lewis' books.

*Light: C.S. Lewis's First and Final Short Story*  
Charlie W. Starr  
Foreword by Walter Hooper

Charlie Starr explores the questions surrounding the "Light" manuscript, a later version of story titled "A Man Born Blind." The insights into this story provide a new key to understanding some of Lewis's most profound ideas.

*"As literary journalism, both investigative and critical, it is top shelf"*  
James Como, author of *Remembering C. S. Lewis*

*"Starr shines a new and illuminating light on one of Lewis's most intriguing stories"*  
Michael Ward, author of *Planet Narnia*

*C. S. Lewis' Top Ten: Influential Books and Authors, Volume One*

Will Vaus

Based on his books, marginal notes, and personal letters, Will Vaus explores Lewis' reading of the ten books he said shaped his vocational attitude and philosophy of life. Volume One covers the first three authors/books: George MacDonald, G.K. Chesterton, and Virgil. Vaus offers a brief biography of each author with a helpful summary of their books.

*"Thorough, comprehensive, and illuminating"*

Rolland Hein, Author of *George MacDonald: Victorian Mythmaker*

*C. S. Lewis & Philosophy as a Way of Life: His Philosophical Thoughts*

Adam Barkman

C. S. Lewis is rarely thought of as a "philosopher" per se despite having both studied and taught philosophy for several years at Oxford. Lewis's long journey to Christianity was essentially philosophical – passing through seven different stages. This 624 page book is an invaluable reference for C. S. Lewis scholars and fans alike

*C. S. Lewis Goes to Heaven:*

*A Reader's Guide to The Great Divorce*

David G. Clark

This is the first book devoted solely to this often neglected book and the first to reveal several important secrets Lewis concealed within the story. Lewis felt his imaginary trip to Hell and Heaven was far better than his book *The Screwtape Letters*, which has become a classic. Readers will discover the many literary and biblical influences Lewis utilized in writing his brilliant novel.

*C. S. Lewis Goes to Hell*

*A Companion and Study Guide to The Screwtape Letters*

William O'Flarety

The creator and host of "All About Jack" (a podcast feature of EssentialCSLewis.com) has written a guide to *The Screwtape Letters* suitable for groups or individuals. Features include a topic index of major and minor themes, summaries of each letter, questions for reflection, and over a half-dozen appendices of useful information.

*Joy and Poetic Imagination: Understanding C. S. Lewis's "Great War" with Owen Barfield and its Significance for Lewis's Conversion and Writings*

Stephen Thorson

Author Stephen Thorson began writing this book over 30 years ago and published parts of it in articles during Barfield's lifetime. Barfield wrote to Thorson in 1983 saying, "...you have surveyed the divergence between Lewis and myself very fairly, and truly 'in depth...'". This book explains the "Great War" between these two friends.

## CHRISTIAN LIVING

### *Keys to Growth: Meditations on the Acts of the Apostles*

Will Vaus

Every living thing or person requires certain ingredients in order to grow, and if a thing or person is not growing, it is dying. *The Acts of the Apostles* is a book that is all about growth. Will Vaus has been meditating and preaching on *Acts* for the past 30 years. In this volume, he offers the reader forty-one keys from the entire book of Acts to unlock spiritual growth in everyday life.

### *Open Before Christmas: Devotional Thoughts For The Holiday Season*

Will Vaus

Author Will Vaus seeks to deepen the reader's knowledge of Advent and Christmas leading up to Epiphany. Readers are provided with devotional thoughts for each day that help them to experience this part of the Church Year perhaps in a more spiritually enriching way than ever before.

*"Seasoned with inspiring, touching, and sometimes humorous illustrations .... I found his writing immediately engaging and, the more I read, the more I liked it. God has touched my heart by reading Open Before Christmas, and I believe he will touch your heart too."*

The Rev. David Beckmann, The C.S. Lewis Society of Chattanooga

### *God's Love Letter: Reflections on I John*

Will Vaus

Various words for "love" appear thirty-five times in the five brief chapters of I John. This book invites you on a journey of reading and reflection: reading this book in the New Testament and reflecting on God's love for us, our love for God, and our love for one another.

### *Jogging with G.K. Chesterton: 65 Earthshaking Expeditions*

Robert Moore-Jumonville

Jogging with G.K. Chesterton is a showcase for the merry mind of Chesterton. But Chesterton's lighthearted wit always runs side-by-side with his weighty wisdom. These 65 "earthshaking expeditions" will keep you smiling and thinking from start to finish. You'll be entertained, challenged, and spiritually uplifted as you take time to breath in the fresh morning air and contemplate the wonders of the world.

*"This is a delightfully improbable book in which Chesterton puts us through our spiritual and intellectual exercises."*

Joseph Pearce, author of *Wisdom and Innocence: A Life of G.K. Chesterton*

## GEORGE MACDONALD

### *Diary of an Old Soul & The White Page Poems*

George MacDonald and Betty Aberlin

The first edition of George MacDonald's book of daily poems included a blank page opposite each page of poems. Readers were invited to write their own reflections on the "white page." MacDonald wrote: "Let your white page be ground, my print be seed, growing to golden ears, that faith and hope may feed." Betty Aberlin responded to MacDonald's invitation with daily poems of her own.

*Betty Aberlin's close readings of George MacDonald's verses and her thoughtful responses to them speak clearly of her poetic gifts and spiritual intelligence.*

Luci Shaw, poet

### *George MacDonald: Literary Heritage and Heirs*

Roderick McGillis, editor

This latest collection of 14 essays sets a new standard that will influence MacDonald studies for many more years. George MacDonald experts are increasingly evaluating his entire corpus within the nineteenth century context.

*This comprehensive collection represents the best of contemporary scholarship on George MacDonald.*

Rolland Hein, author of *George MacDonald: Victorian Mythmaker*

### *In the Near Loss of Everything: George MacDonald's Son in America*

Dale Wayne Slusser

In the summer of 1887, George MacDonald's son Ronald, newly engaged to artist Louise Blandy, sailed from England to America to teach school. The next summer he returned to England to marry Louise and bring her back to America. On August 27, 1890, Louise died leaving him with an infant daughter. Ronald once described losing a beloved spouse as "the near loss of everything". Dale Wayne Slusser unfolds this poignant story with unpublished letters and photos that give readers a glimpse into the close-knit MacDonald family. Also included is Ronald's essay about his father, *George MacDonald: A Personal Note*, plus a selection from Ronald's 1922 fable, *The Laughing Elf*, about the necessity of both sorrow and joy in life.

### *A Novel Pulpit: Sermons From George MacDonald's Fiction*

David L. Neuhouser

Each of the sermons has an introduction giving some explanation of the setting of the sermon or of the plot, if that is necessary for understanding the sermon. "MacDonald's novels are both stimulating and thought-provoking. This collection of sermons from ten novels serve to bring out the 'freshness and brilliance' of MacDonald's message." *from the author's introduction*

*Behind the Back of the North Wind: Essays on George MacDonald's Classic Book*  
Edited and with Introduction by John Pennington and Roderick McGillis

The unique blend of fairy tale atmosphere and social realism in this novel laid the groundwork for modern fantasy literature. Sixteen essays by various authors are accompanied by an instructive introduction, extensive index, and beautiful illustrations.

*Through the Year with George MacDonald: 366 Daily Readings*  
Rolland Hein, editor

*These page-length excerpts from sermons, novels and letters are given an appropriate theme/heading and a complementary Scripture passage for daily reading. An inspiring introduction to the artistic soul and Christian vision of George MacDonald.*

*Shadows and Chivalry:*

*C. S. Lewis and George MacDonald on Suffering, Evil, and Death*  
Jeff McInnis

Shadows and Chivalry studies the influence of George MacDonald, a nineteenth-century Scottish novelist and fantasy writer, upon one of the most influential writers of modern times, C. S. Lewis—the creator of Narnia, literary critic, and best-selling apologist. This study attempts to trace the overall affect of MacDonald's work on Lewis's thought and imagination. Without ever ceasing to be a story of one man's influence upon another, the study also serves as an exploration of each writer's thought on, and literary visions of, good and evil.

## POETS AND POETRY

*In the Eye of the Beholder: How to See the World Like a Romantic Poet*  
Louis Markos

Born out of the French Revolution and its radical faith that a nation could be shaped and altered by the dreams and visions of its people, British Romantic Poetry was founded on a belief that the objects and realities of our world, whether natural or human, are not fixed in stone but can be molded and transformed by the visionary eye of the poet. A separate bibliographical essay is provided for readers listing accessible biographies of each poet and critical studies of their work.

*The Cat on the Catamaran: A Christmas Tale*  
John Martin

Here is a modern-day parable of a modern-day cat with modern-day attitudes. Riverboat Dan is a "cool" cat on a perpetual vacation from responsibility. He's *The Cat on the Catamaran* – sailing down the river of life. Dan keeps his guilty conscience from interfering with his fun until he runs into trouble. But will he have the courage to believe that it's never too late to change course? (For ages 10 to adult)

## POP CULTURE

### *To Love Another Person: A Spiritual Journey Through Les Miserables*

John Morrison

The powerful story of Jean Valjean's redemption is beloved by readers and theatergoers everywhere. In this companion and guide to Victor Hugo's masterpiece, author John Morrison unfolds the spiritual depth and breadth of this classic novel and Broadway musical.

### *Through Common Things: Philosophical Reflections on Popular Culture*

Adam Barkman

"Barkman presents us with an amazingly wide-ranging collection of philosophical reflections grounded in the everyday things of popular culture – past and present, eastern and western, factual and fictional. Throughout his encounters with often surprising subject-matter (the value of darkness?), he writes clearly and concisely, moving seamlessly between Aristotle and anime, Lord Buddha and Lord Voldemort... . This is an informative and entertaining book to read!"

Doug Bloomberg, Professor of Philosophy, Institute for Christian Studies

### *Spotlight:*

### *A Close-up Look at the Artistry and Meaning of Stephenie Meyer's Twilight Novels*

John Granger

Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* saga has taken the world by storm. But is there more to *Twilight* than a love story for teen girls crossed with a cheesy vampire-werewolf drama? *Spotlight* reveals the literary backdrop, themes, artistry, and meaning of the four Bella Swan adventures. *Spotlight* is the perfect gift for serious *Twilight* readers.

### *The Many Faces of Katniss Everdeen: Exploring the Heroine of The Hunger Games*

Valerie Estelle Frankel

Katniss is the heroine who's changed the world. Like Harry Potter, she explodes across genres: She is a dystopian heroine, a warrior woman, a reality TV star, a rebellious adolescent. She's surrounded by the figures of Roman history, from Caesar and Cato to Cinna and Coriolanus Snow. She's also traveling the classic heroine's journey. As a child soldier, she faces trauma; as a growing teen, she battles through love triangles and the struggle to be good in a harsh world. This book explores all this and more, while taking a look at the series' symbolism, from food to storytelling, to show how Katniss becomes the greatest power of Panem, the girl on fire.

*Myths and Motifs of The Mortal Instruments*

Valerie Estelle Frankel

With vampires, fairies, angels, romance, steampunk, and modern New York all in one series of books, Cassandra Clare is exploding onto the scene. This book explores the deeper world of the Shadowhunters. There's something for everyone, as this book reveals unseen lore within the bestselling series.

*Virtuous Worlds: The Video Gamer's Guide to Spiritual Truth*

John Stanifer

Popular titles like *Halo 3* and *The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess* fly off shelves at a mind-blowing rate. John Stanifer, an avid gamer, shows readers specific parallels between Christian faith and the content of their favorite games. Written with wry humor (including a heckler who frequently pokes fun at the author) this book will appeal to gamers and non-gamers alike. Those unfamiliar with video games may be pleasantly surprised to find that many elements in those "virtual worlds" also qualify them as "virtuous worlds."

## BIOGRAPHY

*Sheldon Vanauken: The Man Who Received "A Severe Mercy"*

Will Vaus

In this biography we discover: Vanauken the struggling student, the bon-vivant lover, the sailor who witnessed the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the seeker who returned to faith through C. S. Lewis, the beloved professor of English literature and history, the feminist and anti-war activist who participated in the March on the Pentagon, the bestselling author, and Vanauken the convert to Catholicism. What emerges is the portrait of a man relentlessly in search of beauty, love, and truth, a man who believed that, in the end, he found all three.

*"This is a charming biography about a doubly charming man who wrote a triply charming book. It is a great way to meet the man behind A Severe Mercy."*

Peter Kreeft, author of *Jacob's Ladder: 10 Steps to Truth*

*Remembering Roy Campbell: The Memoirs of his Daughters, Anna and Tess*

Introduction by Judith Lütge Coullie, Editor

Preface by Joseph Pearce

Anna and Teresa Campbell were the daughters of the handsome young South African poet and writer, Roy Campbell (1901-1957), and his beautiful English wife, Mary Garman. In their frank and moving memoirs, Anna and Tess recall the extraordinary, and often very difficult, lives they shared with their exceptional parents. Over 50 photos, 344 footnotes, timeline of Campbell's life, and complete index.

## HARRY POTTER

### *The Order of Harry Potter: The Literary Skill of the Hogwarts Epic*

Colin Manlove

Colin Manlove, a popular conference speaker and author of over a dozen books, has earned an international reputation as an expert on fantasy and children's literature. His book, *From Alice to Harry Potter*, is a survey of 400 English fantasy books. In *The Order of Harry Potter*, he compares and contrasts *Harry Potter* with works by "Inklings" writers J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis and Charles Williams; he also examines Rowling's treatment of the topic of imagination; her skill in organization and the use of language; and the book's underlying motifs and themes.

### *Harry Potter & Imagination: The Way Between Two Worlds*

Travis Prinzi

Imaginative literature places a reader between two worlds: the story world and the world of daily life, and challenges the reader to imagine and to act for a better world. Starting with discussion of Harry Potter's more important themes, *Harry Potter & Imagination* takes readers on a journey through the transformative power of those themes for both the individual and for culture by placing Rowling's series in its literary, historical, and cultural contexts.

### *Hog's Head Conversations: Essays on Harry Potter*

Travis Prinzi, Editor

Ten fascinating essays on Harry Potter by popular Potter writers and speakers including John Granger, James W. Thomas, Colin Manlove, and Travis Prinzi.

### *Repotting Harry Potter: A Professor's Guide for the Serious Re-Reader*

*Rowling Revisited: Return Trips to Harry, Fantastic Beasts, Quidditch, & Beedle the Bard*

Dr. James W. Thomas

In *Repotting Harry Potter* and his sequel book *Rowling Revisited*, Dr. James W. Thomas points out the humor, puns, foreshadowing and literary parallels in the Potter books. In *Rowling Revisited*, readers will especially find useful three extensive appendixes – "Fantastic Beasts and the Pages Where You'll Find Them," "Quidditch Through the Pages," and "The Books in the Potter Books." Dr. Thomas makes re-reading the Potter books even more rewarding and enjoyable.

*Deathly Hallows Lectures:*

*The Hogwarts Professor Explains Harry's Final Adventure*

John Granger

In *The Deathly Hallows Lectures*, John Granger reveals the finale's brilliant details, themes, and meanings. *Harry Potter* fans will be surprised by and delighted with Granger's explanations of the three dimensions of meaning in *Deathly Hallows*. Ms. Rowling has said that alchemy sets the "parameters of magic" in the series; after reading the chapter-length explanation of *Deathly Hallows* as the final stage of the alchemical Great Work, the serious reader will understand how important literary alchemy is in understanding Rowling's artistry and accomplishment.

*Unlocking Harry Potter: Five Keys for the Serious Reader*

John Granger

*"I got so hooked I had to stop everything else I was doing and just read, read, read. I carried it around the house, read it while using the exercycle, I hid in rooms away from the daily life so I could take it all in. A spectacular read for all serious fans of Rowling's works. Compelling, well-argued, fun, and funny. Engaging. Thought provoking. Erudite."*

Tom Morris

author of *If Harry Potter Ran General Electric*

Chairman of the Morris Institute for Human Values

*Sociology and Harry Potter: 22 Enchanting Essays on the Wizarding World*

Jenn Simms, editor

Modeled on an Introduction to Sociology textbook, this book is not simply about the series, but also uses the series to facilitate the reader's understanding of the discipline of sociology and develops a sociological approach to viewing social reality. It is a case of high quality academic scholarship written in a form and on a topic accessible to non-academics. As such, it is written to appeal to Harry Potter fans and the general reading public. Contributors include professional sociologists from eight countries.

*Harry Potter, Still Recruiting: An Inner Look at Harry Potter Fandom*

Valerie Frankel

The Harry Potter phenomenon has created a new world: one of Quidditch in the park, lightning earrings, endless parodies, a new genre of music, and fan conferences of epic proportions. This book attempts to document everything - exploring costuming, crafting, gaming, and more, with essays and interviews straight from the multitude of creators. From children to adults, fans are delighting the world with an explosion of captivating activities and experiences, all based on Rowling's delightful series.