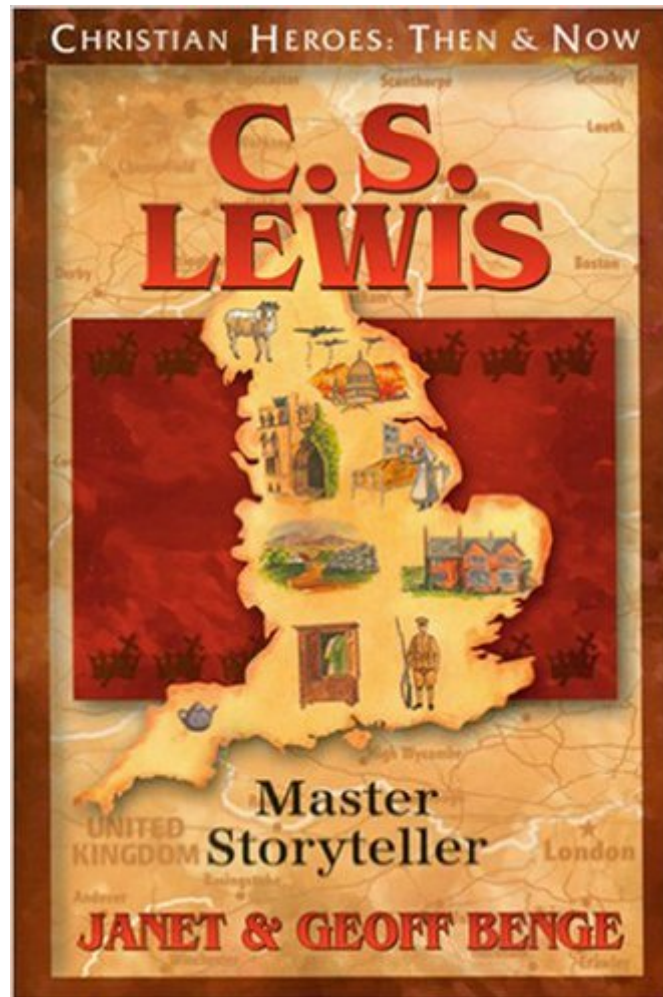


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# C.S. Lewis: Master Storyteller (Christian Heroes: Then & Now)



## Synopsis

From his earliest childhood, C.S. Lewis loved to hear and tell stories. Persuaded that stories could reveal the truth about the real world in a unique way, the literature professor would write more than thirty books, including science fiction, theology, literary criticism, and fantasy. (1898 -1963) In an era marked by two world wars, Lewis attacked tough questions about life and faith headfirst. Convinced that the story of Jesus Christ is the truest of all stories, and known for searching out the truth with honesty, clarity, and imagination, the former atheist would become one of the most influential Christians of the twentieth century. This best-selling, missionary biography series - Christian Heroes: Then & Now - chronicles the exciting, challenging, and deeply touching true stories of ordinary men and women whose trust in God accomplished extraordinary exploits for His kingdom and glory.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book, being a big fan of C.S. Lewis's writing. Even though I like C.S. Lewis I was worried about this being a boring non-fiction book, but it wasn't. This book was wonderful. It was sad too, but in the end you almost wonder "How could this have all happened to one person?", its amazing. There is tons of information in this book, but its not cluttered at all. It doesn't start out as his wonderful writing career, but of his depressing childhood. I would get this book if I were you.

Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963) insisted on being called Jack from the age of two. Brought up in Belfast he was an avid reader of novels like *Black Beauty* and *Paradise Lost* along with books by E. Nesbit. His nursemaid also told him and his older brother, Warren, magical stories feeding Jack's imagination. *Sir Peter Mouse* and *Sir Ben, a frog* were some of Jack's first stories. Everything changed when his mother died in 1908. Sent to various schools Jack couldn't understand why the boys only thought about cricket, food and work. Why didn't they enjoy books? Jack's father finally sent him to study under the tutelage of Professor Kirk. Here Jack lost the remains of his Christian beliefs, concluding that God and Jesus were just myths. By the time Jack got to Oxford in 1917, it wasn't long before he found himself in the trenches of the French Somme Valley. Injured by shrapnel, Germany had surrendered before he was well enough to consider going back. Returning to Oxford College, he was now looking after Janie and Martha Moore, family of his comrade Paddy who had died in the war. Obtaining a job lecturing at Oxford College he then gained a teaching position at Magdalen College. It was during this time that he met another professor, J.R.R. Tolkien! What date did Jack get saved! When did he begin his book, *The Problem of Pain*? What gave Jack the inspiration for the book, *Screwtape Letters*? Mere Christianity came about after a series of popular talks by Jack for the BBC. Who thought that if *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* was ever published it would be a great embarrassment? Thankfully Jack's other friend, Roger Green, thought it was great as did Dr. Havard's daughter, Mary Clare. The book was released in 1950 and each December, for the next six years, a sequel came out. Big changes began to happen to Jack at the age of 55 and beyond. Not only did he start a new job, he also met Joy Gresham. Why did they have two weddings?! Did you know that C.S. Lewis died on November 22nd, 1963, the same day that JFK was assassinated. This was a great read for the whole family. A wonderful insight into C.S. Lewis' life. My hubby, a big fan of C.S. Lewis' books, said there were even a couple things in this book that he had not known before!

This is the second book our family has read together from the *Christian Heroes: Then & Now* series, and it will not be the last. We have enjoyed "getting to know" C.S. Lewis as he is portrayed in this biography. Well-written and age appropriate for mid-to-upper elementary students as a read-aloud and beyond as a read alone book.

My kids 8 and 10 years old really like this non-fiction series of books. I would recommend this series to others.

There is a lot of wrong information out there on cs Lewis. This gave accurate information and was reader friendly.

We are currently reading through the whole series. Our family loves these books! We look forward to reading time every night!

I have not read the book yet, but I am interested in C.S. Lewis. He was a writer on religious topics, but also wrote The Screwtape Letters, The Chronicles of Narnia, and The Space Trilogy.

The book is very detailed, emphasizes his walk with Christ and how he became saved. It also gives a good description on how the The Chronicles of Narnia evolved.

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