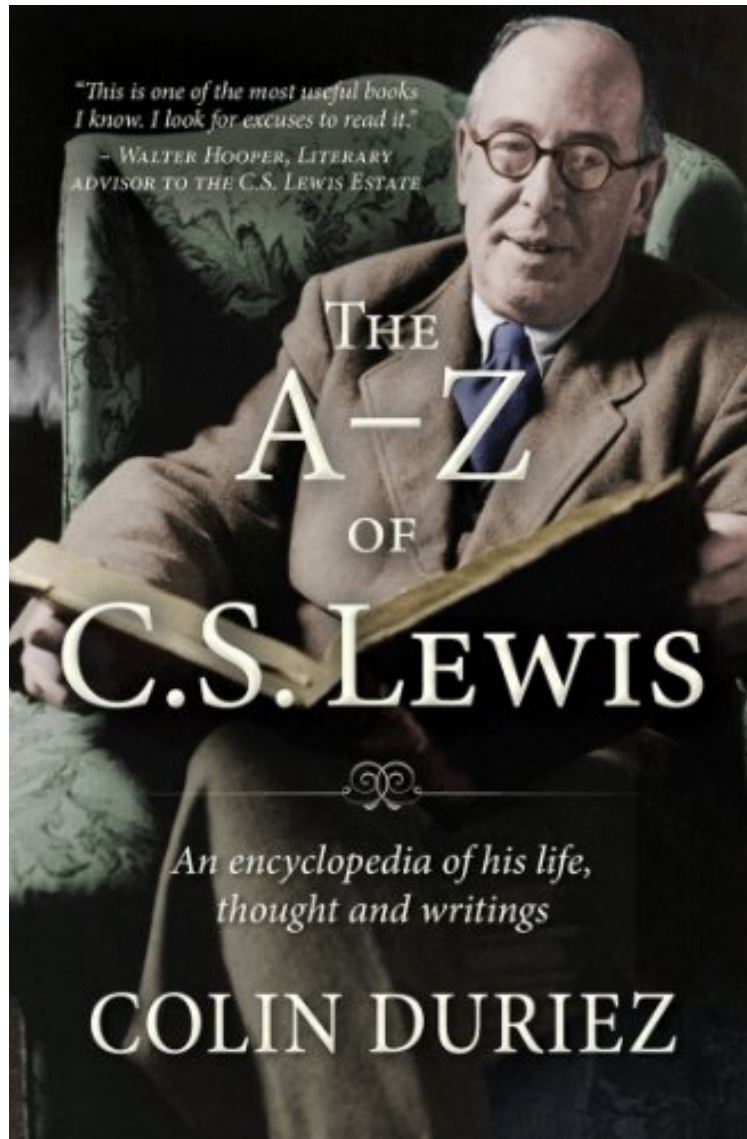


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Get Lost in the World of C.S. LewisBy L. HartnessLast year marked the 50th anniversary of author C.S. Lewis death in 1963, bringing about a new crop of titles related to this prolific

writer. Many are familiar with Lewis work in *The Chronicles of Narnia*, as were portrayed most recently in films produced by Walden Media. While the general public's awareness of these films has increased the visibility of this beloved novelist, his work went far beyond a magical wardrobe and a Christ-like lion. True, Lewis was known for fiction titles such as the *Chronicles*, his space trilogy and *The Screwtape Letters*, but the vast majority of his work was in nonfiction. As a noted Christian apologist, he produced numerous titles that explained and defended many aspects of his faith. *Mere Christianity*, *The Problem of Pain* and his literary criticisms are highly regarded in Christian and academic circles alike. Author Colin Duriez, a scholar who is well versed in all things C.S. Lewis, has compiled a volume which he has titled *The A-Z of C.S. Lewis*. Within this 350-page assemblage are dictionary-like entries of facts, names, literary titles and just about everything related to Clive Staples Lewis. From Abhalljin (a fictional island) to Zardeenah (a moon goddess), Duriez defines and explains scores of topics, linking many of them with cross references. Most of Lewis books are summarized or described, which is an effective way to educate the reader who is unfamiliar with particular titles. Biographical entries are also included, giving us background on who he was and the life he led. While *The A-Z of C.S. Lewis* appears to be a standard reference book, I found it to be oddly addicting as I perused its pages. A great number of the listings have the aforementioned cross references, and as I would enjoy one entry, the cross reference would lead me to examine a related one. That next listing would be linked to yet another item, leading me on again into Lewis world. Many readers of this title may not choose to read it straight through from the first page to the last, but over time it would be fairly easy to cover the majority of the content through the cross references alone. In 1998 I made my first online transaction with .com. By book of choice was *The Quotable Lewis* by Martindale and Root. I loved reading each entry, getting nibbles and snacks of Lewis along the way. It remains one of my favorite Lewis-related titles to this day. Duriez's dictionary is much in the same vein. It can be used as a research tool for one who is looking for information on specific topics in Lewis life, but reading it for pure pleasure is also a likely choice. *The A-Z of C.S. Lewis* is excellent for the novice and will be a delight for seasoned Lewis fans. Duriez's work is not only a labor of love, but a resource for the world as well. (A copy of this title was provided by Litfuse Publicity for review purposes only.) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent resource for C.S. Lewis fans! By Loving Mommahood I have always been a huge fan of C.S. Lewis's work, but there was so much I didn't know about him! In "The A-Z of C.S. Lewis" by Colin Duriez, readers are introduced to every aspect of Lewis's life, in Encyclopedia form! Although I definitely wouldn't consider this a light read, I greatly enjoyed reading this book in its entirety! Duriez gives readers a glimpse into C.S. Lewis's life including the circumstances surrounding his marriage to his wife, his adoption of her two sons, his friendship with J.R.R. Tolkien, and his many literary accomplishments. The author also explains characters, places and themes in the different books Lewis wrote, as well as Lewis's life before he came to know God. I had no idea that for a good portion of his life, Lewis was an atheist. Probably what drew me to this book more than anything was my love for "The Chronicles of Narnia" series. I was eager to find out more about this author that had written my favorite books from childhood. Books that are still my favorite now that I am an adult! I feel that I learned so much about C.S. Lewis's character and his life just from reading this book. There is so much content in it, that I will most assuredly go back and re-read much of it! This book is truly a treasure to any C.S. Lewis fan, and I would highly recommend it! I rate this book as 5 stars. I received this book for free from Litfuse to give my honest unbiased opinion. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Forgiven Former Feminist's Take on The A-Z of C.S. Lewis By The Forgiven Former Feminist Today I am reviewing a copy of *The A-Z of C.S. Lewis* by Collin Duriez. When I first received a copy of the book I was expecting it to be a biography, but it turns out that this book is actually an encyclopedia of the writings of C.S. Lewis. If you have ever been confused while reading one of Lewis' stories, you would have enjoyed this book! Duriez does an incredible job of explaining the intricate details of Lewis' writings. Duriez discusses the allegories in the worlds that Lewis creates, he explains the differences between dwarfs and Poggin. This book is meant to be used as a reference material and would be incredibly beneficial to anyone studying a Lewis book. Overall I highly recommend this book, I give it an A+. It would be a fantastic gift for a pastor, or your uncle that absolutely loves C.S. Lewis. *The A-Z of C.S. Lewis* would be an excellent addition to any library private, or professional. I received this book free from Litfuse Publicity. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. 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This fascinating volume brings together all the aspects of C S Lewis's life and thought. It will delight anyone who is interested in C S Lewis and wants to learn more about him. Arranged in alphabetical order *The A-Z of C S Lewis* begins with *The Abolition of Man* a book written in 1943 and described by Lewis as almost my favourite to Wormwood, a character in *The Screwtape Letters*. Lewis's work is widely known and regarded, but enthusiasts are often only aware of one small part his children's stories and his popular theology and yet he wrote so much more, including science fiction and literary criticism. This is an enormously readable and attractive work that will be read time and time again

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