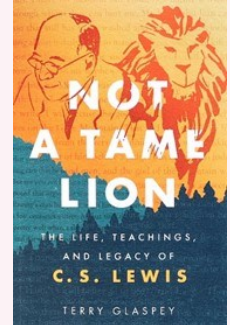




TEEN'S BOOK CLUB GUIDE

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“By his words and his life, Lewis demonstrated the power of a life touched by a deep intellectual commitment to the truth of the gospel, and of an imagination energised by the glory of the Christian vision of reality.”

GENRE

Biography

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Imagination

Theology

Faith

Mythology

Grief

ABOUT THE BOOK

“The legacy Lewis left behind is a rich one indeed - a long list of books, which not only show evidence of a firm commitment to orthodoxy, but also a scintillating wit, a logical mind, and an ever-fresh imagination. He was a man who surrendered to God, was in love with life, and was ready to share all that he could with others. His was a wonderful example of the Christian life lived with fullness and passion”.

This book is such a friendly invitation into the brilliant mind and life of C. S. Lewis. It is split into two parts: His Life and His Thought. This works very well and creates such an interesting and thought-provoking flow, and I loved the bite-size chapters which made it so easy to pick up and put down.

Part One, His Life: Jack's life-altering and profound moments often collide with some form of book. From the rejection of his family's faith as a young man to the reigniting of a desire for faith to battling with grief at the death of his beloved Joy, his life's timeline can almost be told, through a booklist of stories - whether his own or something which moved him.

Part Two, His Thought: This is a brief and insightful summary of Lewis' ideas and orthodoxy.

1 QUESTION ONE

What is one of your favourite books, essays or writings from C. S. Lewis? Why is it your favourite?

2 QUESTION TWO

Lewis lived a story-formed life and was significantly impacted by many books, including those by George Macdonald and Tales of Norse Mythology. Which stories aided in your formation?

3 QUESTION THREE

How did Lewis' childhood cultivate creativity and imagination?

4 QUESTION FOUR

Lewis' conversion to Christianity was not a sudden or dramatic moment, but a slow and steady gradual shift. What were some of the integral moments of his conversion?

5 QUESTION FIVE

The Inklings gathered to discuss theology, and literature, and enjoy a good conversation. What impact did the Inklings have on one another? Is there someone in your life who speaks the truth and encourages you?

6 QUESTION SIX

In *Surprised by Joy* and the following chapters, we read of Jack and Joy's romance, health struggles, miracles, Joy's death and Lewis' *Grief Observed*. What part of their story moved you the most?

7 QUESTION SEVEN

Which chapter from *Part Two, C. S. Lewis: His Thought*, enlightened you, gave you something new to think about, changed your mind, or simply stood out to you the most?

8 QUESTION EIGHT

Discuss the very famous C. S. Lewis quote, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts to us in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world" (p137).

9 QUESTION NINE

The Problem of Pain, *Mere Christianity*, and *Miracles* are Lewis' great trilogy of apologetic works. Why do you think these books are considered to be classics that every Christian should read? Why does Lewis have a lasting legacy today?

10 QUESTION TEN

In *The Chronicles of Narnia*, Lucy asks, "Is He [Aslan] safe?", to which the animals reply, "Course he isn't safe, but he is good... He is not a tame lion." How might this quote summarise Lewis' faith and life experience with God?
