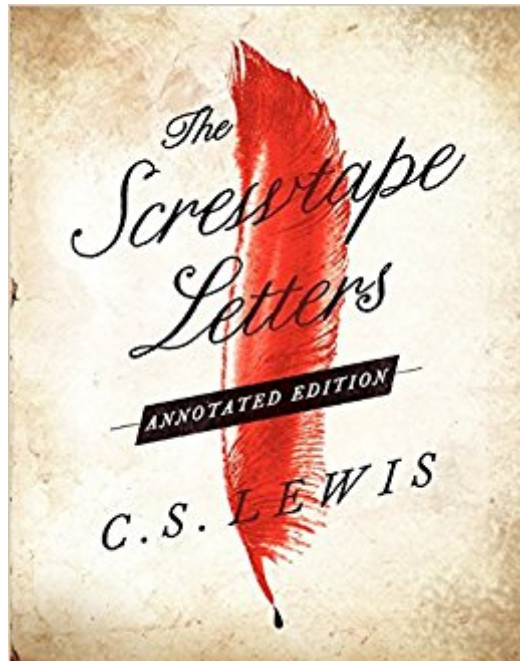




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# Screwtape Letters: Annotated Edition, The



## Synopsis

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of C. S. Lewis's death, a special annotated edition of his Christian classic, *The Screwtape Letters*, with notes and excerpts from his other works that help illuminate this diabolical masterpiece. Since its publication in 1942, *The Screwtape Letters* has sold millions of copies worldwide and is recognized as a milestone in the history of popular theology. A masterpiece of satire, it offers a sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, *The Screwtape Letters* comprises the correspondence of the worldly-wise devil Screwtape and his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. For the first time, *The Screwtape Letters* will be presented in full-text accompanied by helpful annotations in a striking two-color format. These annotations will give fans a deeper, more nuanced understanding of the popular book, providing background information, explanations of terms, historical significance, and excerpts from Lewis's other works that more fully explain the ideas in this volume. For both expert Lewis fans and casual readers, *The Screwtape Letters: Annotated Edition* will be a beautiful and insightful guide to a beloved classic.

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"Why get a new *Screwtape Letters*? I love the feel and look of this annotated edition.

I love the addition of red ink inside this book for the notes. There are a couple of hundred

helpful annotations that first-time and veteran readers will find intriguing. (Read the Spirit) "This book is sparkling yet truly reverent, in fact a perfect joy, and should become a classic. (Guardian) "Excellent, hard-hitting, challenging, provoking. (Observer) "C.S. Lewis is the ideal persuader for the half-convinced, for the good man who would like to be a Christian but finds his intellect getting in the way. (New York Times Book Review) "Apparently this Oxford don and Cambridge professor is going to be around for a long time; he calls himself a dinosaur but he seems to speak to people where they are. (The Washington Post Book World) "[The Screwtape Letters] show[s] his ability to dramatize: to set forth an attractive vision of the Christian life, proceeding by means of character and plot to narrate an engaging story, everything colorful, vibrant, and active. (Christianity Today) "C. S. Lewis understood, like few in the past century, just how deeply faith is both imaginative and rational. (Christianity Today)

A masterpiece of satire, this classic has entertained and enlightened readers the world over with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life from the vantage point of Screwtape, a senior tempter in the service of "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C. S. Lewis gives us the correspondence of the worldly-wise old devil to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. The Screwtape Letters is the most engaging and humorous account of temptation and triumph over it ever written. Now, for the first time, The Screwtape Letters is presented with its full text alongside helpful annotations provided by Lewis enthusiast and dramatist Paul McCusker. The notes include literary, theological, and biographical information to enhance Lewis's core themes and demystify complex ideas. McCusker also guides readers to concepts and references from the beloved author's other treasured volumes to deepen and enrich this timeless classic. The annotated edition is the ultimate guide for understanding the heavenly truths buried in these epistles from below.

Just received my copy and VERY impressed. Beautiful book. I know some have said the annotations were distracting, but honestly, they are in small red print and the actual story is in large (which is very appreciated) bolder black print. Therefore, you can easily read the story through without looking at the side notes. Afterward, read the side notes (annotations). So there you go.

I wanted an annotated edition of this because -- well, I just did, and this one is beautiful. It's a nice

copy and pretty and also easy to read. The annotation doesn't interrupt the flow at all, but it's clear. It is also not about the writings of CS Lewis on the whole, just about these letters, which is great for me. Others may want a more in-depth comparison that goes deep into all of the writings. This is not that book, but the Letters themselves are great to read again and again, and this copy is a beauty. It may be my favorite recent-ish purchase.

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C.S. Lewis definitely achieves his goal "to throw light from a new angle on the life of men." The topics *Srewtape* explores provoke much personal thought and evaluation for believers. This is because the situations are real, and the ways the "Patient" is tempted are also real and have been experienced by most believers as they attempt to live a Christian life. The book is not full of Christian jargon and platitudes, but actually reveals truth about God, and about temptation. A clear knowledge of scripture would be helpful, but is not necessary to understanding. You need to read the introduction and preface which give insight into Lewis's purpose and beliefs about angels, "devils" (or demons) and Satan. Lewis's approach is very effective in helping us to see more clearly the reality of being a tempted rather than the generalities of temptation often taught, but not personally applied.

After so many years buying from "" I cannot believe I was not able to purchase a second copy of this book (as a present for my sister) because there is a "limit" and I already reached that limit of "one" book? Maybe if I were "someone" I would be able to enter Mr Bezos' VIP Club and get about a gazillion copies of this book. God bless. As per the book, well...five stars!

I'm one of those folks who don't enjoy reading fiction without lessons in there somewhere. One of our elderly ministers has been promoting the literature of C.S. Lewis for years. I bought this book thinking it would be very entertaining. It is, but in such an introspective way. A friend asked if it were an "easy read". Absolutely not! How anyone could have ever gotten so deeply into the minds of those of us who call ourselves Christians, I do not know. Lewis has certainly opened my eyes to my own vulnerability to the works of the Devil. I shudder to think what God would think were He to look into my eyes as the window to my soul!

One of his finest works. If you don't see yourself in one of Wormwood's "Patients" you aren't looking

hard enough. Really nails the human condition and our proclivity to self-deception and evil, while making excuses. There is a reason this book is timeless. It speaks to the soul.

I bought this as a gift to someone so I spent the extra money on annotations and graphic design, but if you're buying this book for yourself, you can save money by getting older and cheaper versions. Alternatively if you have serious Christian literature on your coffee table, you should get this version. This is an insightful (fiction) story describing many ways the devil tries to lead someone astray. While it is definitely a work of fiction, it still speaks truth.

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