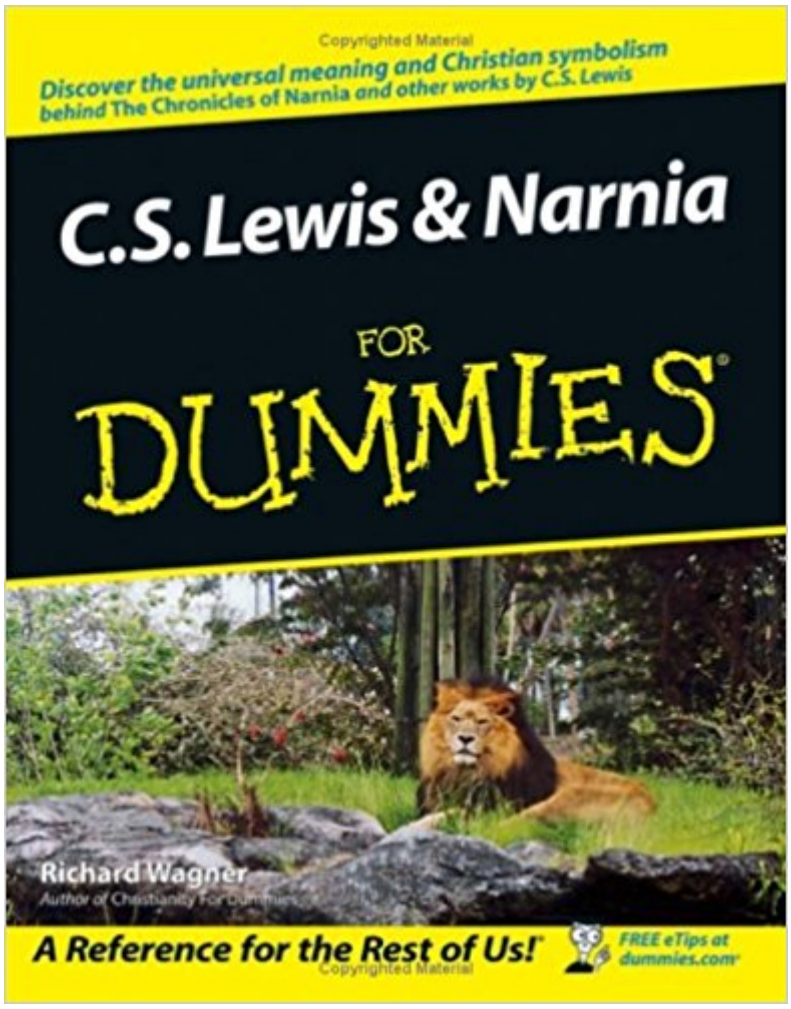
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Ã¢â ¬Å“Ã¢â ¬Â¦an exceptionÃ¢â ¬Â¦gives a clear, unbiased introduction to LewisÃ¢â ¬â„¢s workÃ¢â ¬Â¦Ã¢â ¬Â• (Glasgow Sunday Herald, 27th November 2005)

C.S. Lewis & Narnia For Dummies is a guide and traveling companion as you journey into the life of C.S. Lewis, the enchanted world of Narnia, and his other classic fiction and Christian apologetics works. This book illuminates the underlying symbolism in Narnia and examines the many parallels between The Chronicles of Narnia and Christianity. C.S. Lewis didn’t dream up a master theological plan and then set about writing fairy tales to fit into that framework. Instead, he simply aimed to tell a good tale. However, because his Christian faith was such an integral part of him, the

Christian gospel "came bounding into it." As a result, all the major questions in Narnia are answered by Lewis’s Christian faith: How did Narnia begin? How is sin introduced into the enchanted world? How can traitorous Edmund be restored? How do the children and Narnians live "by faith" in Aslan? How active is Aslan in the lives of his followers? How is Narnia going to end? In this book, I explore these questions and many more. Beyond Narnia, the book also tackles other great fiction and apologetic books, such as The Screwtape Letters, The Great Divorce, The Problem of Pain, and The Abolition of Man. I don’t merely survey or summarize these works. Instead, I dive into these meaty and often challenging writings and make them approachable and accessible to normal readers. Finally, the book explores the fascinating life of Lewis, his relationship with Tolkien and the Inklings, and the story on how this died-in-the-wool atheist was transformed into arguably the most influential Christian spokesman since Martin Luther.

I am not really a fan of the For Dummies books because I am not a dummy. Actually, I find the user-friendly features like the sidebars and the little icons to be a little distracting. I suppose I am old fashioned and am used to receiving my information in a more linear fashion.Nevertheless, as a casual fan of C. S. Lewis, I was looking forward to reading Richard Wagner’s C. S. Lewis and Narnia for Dummies. I have to say that I was not disappointed. By a casual fan, I meant that I have read and enjoyed The Chronicles of Narnia, The Screwtape Letters, and Mere Christianity, and that I had a vague idea of the general outlines of Lewis’s life. Reading C. S. Lewis for Dummies made me appreciate Lewis’s life and works even more and made me determined to read some of his books that I was hardly aware of before.Wagner begins the book with a general overview of C. S. Lewis, and devotes two more chapters to Lewis’s life and his literary friends, the Inklings. He moves on to Lewis’s fiction spending a lot of time, about six chapters, on Narnia, giving a synopsis of the plots and characters of the Chronicles and exploring the deeper meaning of the themes of the series. He spends perhaps too much time on the Chronicles of Narnia, to the detriment of Lewis’s other works. Still, with the movies coming out, perhaps that is the main reader interest.Wagner goes on to explore Lewis’s other fictional works, with a chapter on The Screwtape Letters, The Great Divorce, the Space Trilogy, A Pilgrim’s Regress, and Till We have Faces. He next moves on the Lewis’s non-fiction with a chapter on The Problem of Pain, Mere Christianity, The Abolition of Man, and other books. Wagner doesn’t spend as much time on Lewis’s nonfiction, which to me is unfortunate, since these are the books by Lewis with which I am least familiar. He has, however, written enough to interest me in reading them.I think that C. S. Lewis and Narnia for Dummies has something for any reader of C. S. Lewis. Whether you are just starting to read one of his books, or a

long time fan, you are sure to learn something new from Wager's book and to finish it with a deeper appreciation and understanding of Lewis and his beliefs.

This book has already converted one of my non-Lewis-loving friends into someone who quotes him as if she had been reading him forever! Can there be a better endorsement?As something of a Lewis expert, I did not expect to enjoy the book myself but found it very good. There is a lot of humor in it, and you don't have to read it cover to cover, but can easily find what interests you.The icing on the cake is that I purchased a used copy from for one cent plus shipping! And it arrived in mint condition.

This is an excellent resource for those just starting to delve into C.S. Lewis or for the longtime fan. Like that I can read about general or very specific topics and the index is extremely helpful. Definitely five stars!

Great book!! Every question you thought you had about C.S.Lewis+ those never even thought to ask, answered in EASY-FUN to read art piece of a book. is thee only place to purchase books. Used like NEW for penneys on a dollar & NO gas bill!!

I wanted this to help me understand Chronicles of Narnia, and love that it comes with info about C.S. Lewis. "For Dummies" always presents information in a fun way and this is no exception. Another great resource book.

Other than a few editing errors (such as using contractions all the time--Aslan's coming to Narnia), I have found this book to be very factual and informative about C.S. Lewis and the series itself. The author has definitely done his homework. I teach a writing class for junior high students using the Chronicles of Narnia and found the information in this book very interesting to read. I have learned a few more things about Lewis and how he thought, which makes the Chronicles even more fun to read.

This is a well written and thoughtful introduction to C.S. Lewis. The author walks you thru the life and accomplishments of C.S. Lewis (Known as "Jack" by his friends and admirers).I plan to re-read the Narnia books, then I will explore some of Jack's other writings.The second half of the book explores The Chronicles of Narnia, and then discusses some of the deeper writings of C.S.

Lewis.For anyone who wants to better appreciate the writings of C.S. Lewis, this is a great place to start.I really enjoy using this book as a guide to better understand C.S. Lewis and his life's work.This book would make an excellent Christmas gift !!

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