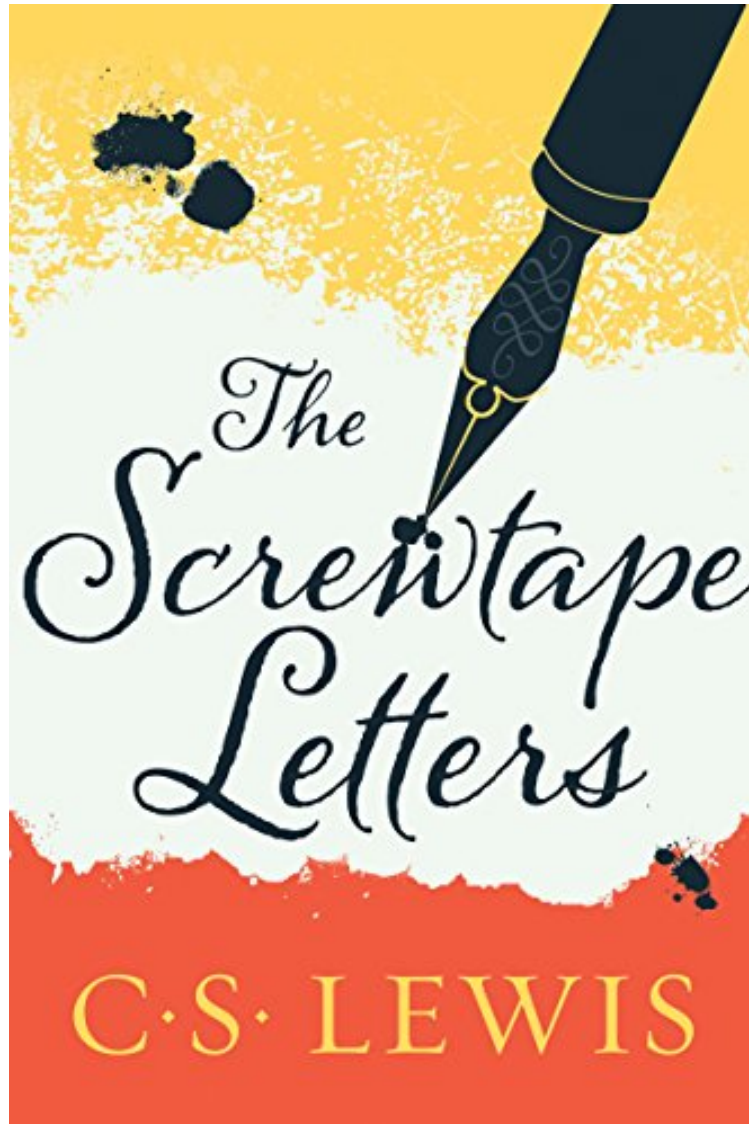


The Screwtape Letters

Von C. S. Lewis

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Von C. S. Lewis : The Screwtape Letters before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Screwtape Letters:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen27 von 29 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Groes Lesevergnen mit viel TiefgangVon Ein KundeC. S. Lewis zeichnet in diesem Buch den Briefwechsel zwischen einem Unterteufel und seinem erfahrenen Onkel.Der Unterteufel soll seinen "Patienten" (einen Menschen) davon abhalten, zum "Feind" (d.h. Gott) berzulaufen. Sein Onkel gibt dem Unterteufel allerhand Tipps. Zuletzt kommen seine wahren Motive zum Vorschein (gibt es uneigenntzige Liebe zwischen Teufeln?).Mir hat es viel Freude gemacht

dieses Buch zu lesen (wenngleich ich es zunchst in der deutschen Fassung gelesen habe ;-).Neben dem vordergrndigen Vergngen an der Handlung ("was passiert als nchstes?") ld dieses Buch dazu ein, ber sich selbst nachzudenken: Warum habe ich diesen oder jenen Gedanken, woher kommen meine Vorurteile, etc. Mich hat es dazu angeregt, vor mir selbst ehrlicher zu werden und mir nicht selbst so viel vorzumachen.Somit klare Empfehlung, das Buch zu lesen.Zur Sprache mchte ich anmerken, da man des Englischen wirklich mchtig sein sollte, denn Lewis schreibt anspruchsvoll. Wer die Sprache aber beherrscht, wird meine 5 Sternchen sicher verstehen :-).Mit freundlichem Gru,Eckhard.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Terrific Rendition!Von SAbellJohn Cleese does an excellent job as the voice of Screwtape. He brings this volume alive in a way I never imagined; making C. S. Lewis' satire stick in your mind in a way reading the book never did for me. A great casting job and highly recommended!2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I wish I'd read this book many years ago...Von Rosemary ThorntonI'd recommend this be one of the first books you read as you start your spiritual journey. This is a profound book that will jolt you awake from your apathetic musings and stir you to the depths of your soul.I was a Christian for 12+ years before I picked up this little volume and it was of inestimable worth for me, but I regretted not having read it much sooner.It's one of those books (like E. L. Prentiss's "Stepping Heavenward") that feels like it was written JUST for you. "Screwtape Letters" has that same feel - that C. S. Lewis crawled into your consciousness and described every mental battle you've ever had - and explains that those subtle arguments which steered you away from spiritual growth, were cleverly disguised devilish whispers. As Lewis points out, the path to hell is a gentle slope.I highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to learn how to differentiate between God's thoughts and the lies of evil. "Screwtape Letters" pulls back the curtain and reveals evil's best kept secrets and oh-so subtle tricks.

KurzbeschreibungThe Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its 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, C.S. Lewis's The Screwtape Letters is the most engaging account of temptation and triumph over it ever written..deThis adaptation of C.S. Lewis's biting satire received a 1999 Grammy nomination for best spoken-word performance, and it's easy to see why--the story fits the format perfectly. It's relatively brief (the unabridged reading takes a mere four hours), and contains only one character--the demon Screwtape, who writes letters to his novice nephew Wormwood, instructing him on how to best tempt his "patient" (a wayward soul on earth) into the bosom of "our Lord below." Obviously, the book wasn't written with former Monty Python John Cleese in mind, but it's hard to imagine a better Screwtape. Cleese's voice provides the perfect vehicle for Lewis's dry, razor-edged wit. His uncanny comic timing and ability to milk each phrase for maximum effect betray an infectious enthusiasm for the story. It's clear that he's having a great time reading, and it's impossible not to laugh along with him. This inspired pairing of two of the 20th century's greatest wits makes for a meditation on the dark side of spiritual guidance that's as relevant and funny today as it was in Lewis's war-torn England. (Running time: 4 hours, 3 cassettes) --Andrew Neiland.comWho among us has never wondered if there might not really be a tempter sitting on our shoulders or dogging our steps? C.S. Lewis dispels all doubts. In The Screwtape Letters, one of his bestselling works, we are made privy to the instructional correspondence between a senior demon, Screwtape, and his wannabe diabolical nephew Wormwood. As mentor, Screwtape coaches Wormwood in the finer points, tempting his "patient" away from God. Each letter is a masterpiece of reverse theology, giving the reader an inside look at the thinking and means of temptation. Tempters, according to Lewis, have two motives: the first is fear of punishment, the second a hunger to consume or dominate other beings. On the other hand, the goal of the Creator is to woo us unto himself or to transform us through his love from "tools into servants and servants into sons." It is the dichotomy between being consumed and subsumed completely into another's identity or being liberated to be utterly ourselves that Lewis explores with his razor-sharp insight and wit. The most brilliant feature of The Screwtape Letters may be likening hell to a bureaucracy in which "everyone is perpetually concerned about his own dignity and advancement, where everyone has a grievance, and where everyone lives the deadly serious passions of envy, self-importance, and resentment." We all understand bureaucracies, be it the Department of Motor Vehicles, the IRS, or one of our own making. So we each understand the temptations that slowly lure us into hell. If you've never read Lewis, The Screwtape Letters is a great place to start. And if you know Lewis, but haven't read this, you've missed one of his core writings. --Patricia Klein