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Because of “The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe”—one of the *Narnia* stories—C.S. Lewis is often associated with a wardrobe. In this statue depicting Lewis, by Ross Wilson—called “The Searcher”—we see the beloved author looking into a wardrobe. The statue is in Northern Ireland; the photo is by “Genvessel.” Image online via Wikimedia Commons; license: [CC BY 2.0](#)

C. S. Lewis became internationally famous by the time he published the first of seven *Narnian* books. But he was already famous in Britain.

During World War II, his voice was the second-most-recognized voice of the BBC (after Winston Churchill). His series of live broadcasts (scroll down 75% to view “Defender of the Faith”) started in 1941.

The contents of the book, known today as *Mere Christianity*, originally aired as live, 15-minute radio broadcasts. In fact, the first part of the book (*The Case for Christianity*) was published in England as *Broadcast Talks*.

Diligently trying to answer letters, Jack “met” a bright American woman whose penetrating, thoughtful analysis impressed him. Joy Davidman Gresham was capable of matching wits with the famous writer—a skill not many people could claim.

Joy, the mother of two young sons, possessed intellectual insight coupled with a straightforward, get-to-the-point manner. A Jewish communist, she had converted to Christianity largely on the basis of Jack’s analytical writings. Although she did not agree with all his points, she publicly credited Jack with helping her rethink her religious beliefs.

She also helped him to rethink his romantic life.

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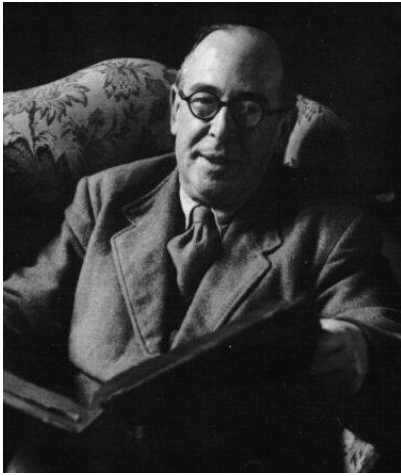


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