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Justin says

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I almost gave up on this book due to my issues with compilations. However, after finishing the first week, I started to become familiarized with the flow of the book. Also, the majority of the pieces do come from letters and essays and are presented in their entirety. Only rarely do they chop a whole piece into a smaller part. What kept my attention is that I was introduced to some of Lewis's writings that I had never heard of. At the end of each piece, they give the title of the collection of which it is a part. I added several of the titles to my to-read list.

What's really apparent throughout the book is the way in which Lewis viewed his faith and how open he was about incorporating his faith into his craft. Whether it's writing to a friend or pointing out themes of faith and belief in other classical works, or creating a piece of his own which demonstrates an aspect of Christianity, Lewis's works reveal the ins and outs of his belief in God. As a person of faith, I appreciated that the publishers didn't just choose pieces that showed Lewis confidence in God, they also incorporated moments where Lewis questions aspects about what he believes or he's reacting to something that is troubling him. It's important to show that no one has all the answers and having faith doesn't mean you're never going to have doubts.

I don't know that I would read this every year. I may come back to it at some point. I will hang on to this book to share with others or as a reference to find certain works by Lewis. I would recommend this book if you are a fan of Lewis and/or a person of faith yourself.

Laura says

So they didn't have the correct cover of this book - I read it in English for my Lenten read - and it was excellent. Highly recommended, simply because it is C. S. Lewis. Much to ponder within its pages; I'm glad I read it.

George says

Excellent read for Lent

I have had the opportunity to read several devotionals for Lent, and found this one to be exceptional. I particularly enjoy Louise's writing style, but lame that aside each entry is very appropriate for the date.

Meg says

This was encouraging, challenging and beautiful to help get me prepared for Easter. It was nice to delve into some works by Lewis I hadn't before.

Nathan Shenk says

Good devo

I started reading in March, and finished in July so I did not read every day, but still very good

Angela says

Recommended for Lewis readers as well as those who have not read before, as it has a nice range of excerpts (including my favorite Narnia!)

John Sagherian says

Just finished reading, again, "Preparing for Easter: Fifty Devotional Readings from C.S. Lewis." Reading C.S. Lewis is always challenging, inspiring and mind-opening. There were many passages in these readings that did just that; what a blessing!

Joline Atkins says

"It is no good trying to 'be myself' without Him."

Stefanie Kellum says

Great Lenten read. C. S. Lewis will always be one of my favorites.

*I read a digital ARC of this title from the publisher via Edelweiss.

Candace Smith-Lee says

I love the readings but the arrangement has no rhyme or reason. with the title "preparing for Easter" I thought there would be more structure to keep your mindset moving from lent to Easter but it all seems random

Charlene says

It is very difficult to rate this book. I ordered it and used it for an e-mail discussion group for Lent, 2018, with just four other readers. There are short excerpts from a wide range of C.S. Lewis writings, with each day also having an assigned Psalm (or portion thereof) and another biblical reading, most often from the NT.

I do not know how this would work for individual use; some might rate it higher, others lower than my 3.0 - 3.5 star rating. I was leader for the discussion group and the only one who contributed every day to discussion. Most times, I gave short commentary on the biblical texts, vocabulary helps from the Greek NT, and so forth. Then I hoped for the participants to comment on their readings, any or all of the three assigned for the day.

It was a good discipline for me. I'm not sure how to rate the outcome for other participants, since I did not ask them to give a review of their experiences. The advantage to this was for use with a group who kept different hours, one who travels for work and was not able to be in a regular Bible study or worship setting, one who is housebound with Hospice coming in twice a week, and two neighbors in our Senior community. I keep very late hours because of husband's sundowning Alzheimer's Disease, so it worked for me to submit the next day's offerings after midnight, so that others could contribute by "reply all" anytime the day of the readings.

I would say this would take extra work if one is not fluent in C.S. Lewis, since the excerpts are so short, but by the end of the Lenten period, there were longer and more easy-to-enter topics.

I did not recognize the names of those who chose the biblical readings for each day, and there were times they really didn't make a lot of sense to me as companions for reading the Lewis daily offering. This should have been included, in my opinion, if only in a sentence or two, at the beginning or end of each reading.

Justin Ferguson says

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Susan says

I loved this book, partly because I have always loved reading C.S. Lewis. This compilation of his works with companion Scriptures to read is a wonderfully thought-provoking read.

Elizabeth Fosson says

Best bible study ever!!

Really enjoyed the intertwining of his books with the Bible scriptures! I want more!! Makes me want to read all of Lewis' work!
