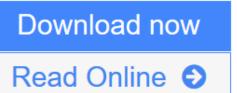


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The demon Wormwood first became famous through his correspondence with his uncle Screwtape, published in *The Screwtape Letters*. We are now privileged to peruse his field notebook from that demonic training session, complete with scribbles, notes, and excerpts from his uncle's letters. Wormwood's instructions, mission statements, and maxims for special occasions create a "best of Screwtape" that offers witty and cutting strategies for how best to corrupt a brand new Christian and steal him from the "Enemy" -- God.

If the best defense is to know your opponent's game book, this is a must read for all those who want to retain their souls.

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Carla says

This seems to be basically just a "best of The Screwtape Letters" book. I didn't notice any new material at all. Good if you just want an overview of C.S. Lewis's satire without committing to an entire book, but The Screwtape Letters is pretty short anyway, so why cheat yourself out of the entire thing?

Ryceejo says

I guess these are the abridged "notes" of The Screwtape Letters...I wish I could memorize this little book cover to cover. What an eye-opening view. I didn't realize my natural man and the things that make me ME were so predictable! ;)

Jamie says

This is very quick and thought provoking read.

Jon says

I'm sure I would have given this book a higher rating had I started by reading The Screwtape Letters. As a stand-alone book, it was good, but not amazing.

Audrey says

This is kind of hard to rate. Lewis's writing style is genius and beautiful. The content is fascinating. This book is a highlights version or an abridgment of The Screwtape Letters, so I don't know you wouldn't just want to read that instead. You'll get a fuller context of the chosen paragraphs for this one. This is designed as a cute little gift book, really. It's quite short.

Chrystall Jenkins says

Just as thought-provoking as The Screwtape Letters. Makes spiritual warfare real to the average person instead of a deep or heavy religious term too difficult to understand.

Rebecca says

This book is just like a "highlights" version of The Screwtape Letters. Paved With Good Intentions is perfect for those who want a taste of what the a fore mentioned book is like. It's a quick read and full of insightful, though provoking statements.

Julie Baylor says

I definitely prefer Screwtape Letters to this, but still worthwhile.

Larsen says

Great insight about everyday people and everyday religion. It is a thinking exercise; I read it twice for this reason.

Ricki says

Didn't hold my attention.

Angela says

Quick read that puts you in the mind of a daemon. It's been a long time since I had to look up several words within a book. Interesting & insightful.

Art says

Not to take anything away from this book, but it wasn't quite as good as it's predessesor, The Screwtape Letters. Although there were good tidbits to be had throughout, it lacked unity and felt a bit disjointed.

Mr. M.J. says

C.S. Lewis just blows my mind away; always enjoy reading his stuff.

Trelesa says

After reading The Screwtape Letters, this was an interesting "field book" of instructions to take a soul.

Favorite quotes: (keeping in mind this is from a devil's viewpoint: the patient is us, the Enemy is God.)

"It is funny how mortals always picture us as putting things into their minds: in reality our best work is done by keeping things out."

"There is nothing like suspense and anxiety for barricading a human's mind against the Enemy,"

"You should always try to make the patient abandon the people or food or books he really likes in favor of the 'best' people, the 'right' food, the 'important' books."

"Fun is closely related to Joy - a sort of emotional froth arising from the play instinct."

"A thousand bawdy, or even blasphemous jokes do not help towards a man's damnation so much as his discovery that almost anything he wants to do can be done, not only without disapproval, but with the admiration of his fellows, if only it can get itself treated as a joke."

"...he must be made to imagine that all the choices which have effected this change of course are trivial and revocable." - the gradual descent

"Catch him at the moment when he is really poor in spirit and smuggle into his mind the gratifying reflection 'By jove, I'm being humble' and almost immediately pride - pride at his own humility - will appear."

"When they have really learned to love their neighbor as themselves, they will be allowed to love themselves as their neighbors."

"...thoughts such as Creative Evolution, Scientific Humanism, or Communism,.. fix men's affections on the future, on the very core of temporality."

"We want a whole race perpetually in pursuit of the rainbow's end, never honest, nor kind, nor happy now, but always using as mere fuel wherewith to heap the alter of the future every real gift which is offered them in the present."

"Men are not angered by mere misfortune, but by misfortune conceived as injury."

"Zealously guard in his mind the curious assumption 'My time is my own'. Let him have the feeling that he starts each day as the lawful possessor of twenty-four hours."

"Certainly we do not want men to allow their Christianity to flow over into their political life, for the establishment of anything like a real just society would be a major disaster."

"Prosperity knits a man to the world. He feels that he is 'finding his place in it' while really it is finding its place in him."

"He sees as well as you do that courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point..."