AUTHOR BACKSTORIES

C.S. Lewis

Reading list

Every book in order of first publication. Each series is kept together, in reading order, starting where its first book appeared. Tick the box as you finish each one.

55 books · 2 series · List updated November 14, 2026

- ☐ 1919 *Spirits in Bondage*
  Poetry
  His first book, published as Clive Hamilton.
- ☐ 1926 *Dymer*
  Poetry
  A narrative poem, published as Clive Hamilton.
- ☐ 1933 *The Pilgrim's Regress*
  Novel
- ☐ 1936 *The Allegory of Love*
  Nonfiction

The Space Trilogy

Series · 3 books · 1938–1945

- ☐ 1938 *Out of the Silent Planet*
  Book 1 · Novel
- ☐ 1943 *Perelandra*
  Book 2 · Novel
- ☐ 1945 *That Hideous Strength*
  Book 3 · Novel

- ☐ 1939 *Rehabilitations and Other Essays*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 1939 *The Personal Heresy*
  Nonfiction · with E.M.W. Tillyard
- ☐ 1940 *The Problem of Pain*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 1942 *A Preface to "Paradise Lost"*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 1942 *The Screwtape Letters*
  Novel
- ☐ 1943 *The Abolition of Man*
  Nonfiction

- [ ] 1945 *The Great Divorce*
  Novel
- [ ] 1946 *George MacDonald: An Anthology*
  Anthology (editor)
- [ ] 1947 *Essays Presented to Charles Williams*
  Anthology (editor)
- [ ] 1947 *Miracles*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1948 *Arthurian Torso*
  Anthology (editor)
- [ ] 1949 *Transposition and Other Addresses*
  Nonfiction

The Chronicles of Narnia

Series · 7 books · 1950–1956

Numbered here in publication order. Since 1994 HarperCollins has numbered them in story order, starting with The Magician's Nephew; Lewis told a young reader in 1957 the order "does not matter very much."

- [ ] 1950 *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
  Book 1 · Children's book
- [ ] 1951 *Prince Caspian*
  Book 2 · Children's book
- [ ] 1952 *The Voyage of the "Dawn Treader"*
  Book 3 · Children's book
- [ ] 1953 *The Silver Chair*
  Book 4 · Children's book
- [ ] 1954 *The Horse and His Boy*
  Book 5 · Children's book
- [ ] 1955 *The Magician's Nephew*
  Book 6 · Children's book
- [ ] 1956 *The Last Battle*
  Book 7 · Children's book
  Won the 1956 Carnegie Medal.

- [ ] 1952 *Mere Christianity*
  Nonfiction
  Developed from his BBC radio talks of 1941–1944.
- [ ] 1954 *English Literature in the Sixteenth Century, Excluding Drama*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1955 *Surprised by Joy*
  Memoir
- [ ] 1956 *Till We Have Faces*
  Novel

- [ ] 1958 *Reflections on the Psalms*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1960 *Studies in Words*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1960 *The Four Loves*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1960 *The World's Last Night and Other Essays*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1961 *A Grief Observed*
  Memoir
  First published under the pseudonym N.W. Clerk.
- [ ] 1961 *An Experiment in Criticism*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1961 *Screwtape Proposes a Toast*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1962 *They Asked for a Paper*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1964 *Letters to Malcolm*
  Nonfiction
  Published after his death.
- [ ] 1964 *Poems*
  Poetry
- [ ] 1964 *The Discarded Image*
  Nonfiction
  Published after his death.
- [ ] 1966 *Of Other Worlds*
  Story collection
- [ ] 1966 *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Literature*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1967 *Christian Reflections*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1967 *Spenser's Images of Life*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1969 *Narrative Poems*
  Poetry
- [ ] 1969 *Selected Literary Essays*
  Nonfiction
- [ ] 1970 *God in the Dock*
  Nonfiction

- ☐ 1975 *Fern-Seed and Elephants*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 1977 *The Dark Tower and Other Stories*
  Story collection
- ☐ 1980 *The Weight of Glory and Other Addresses*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 1986 *Boxen*
  Children's book
- ☐ 1986 *Present Concerns*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 2013 *Image and Imagination*
  Nonfiction
- ☐ 2015 *The Collected Poems of C.S. Lewis*
  Poetry