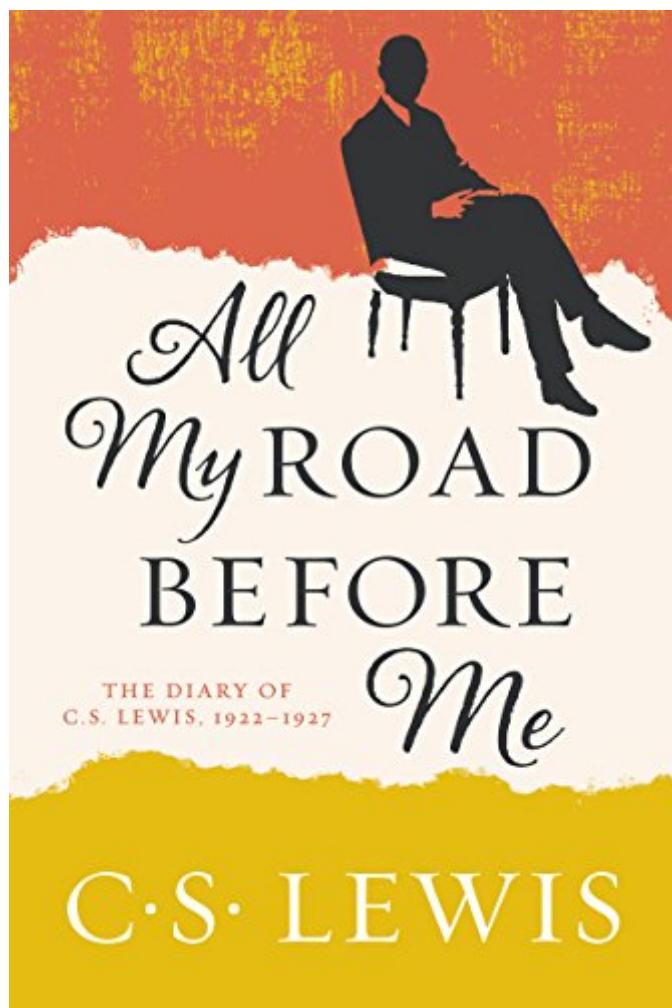


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All My Road Before Me: The Diary Of C. S. Lewis, 1922-1927



Synopsis

A repackaged edition of the revered authorâ™s diary from his early twentiesâ "a thought-provoking work that reveals his earliest thinking about war, atheism, religion, and humanity. While serving his country in the Great War, C. S. Lewisâ™ the great British writer, scholar, lay theologian, broadcaster, and Christian apologistâ "made a pact with a close friend and fellow soldier. If one of them died, the survivor would take care of his familyâ "a promise Lewis honored. Developing a deep friendship with his fallen friendâ™s mother, Jane King Moore, Lewis moved into the Moore household after the war. Returning to Oxford, the twenty-three-year old Lewisâ "then a staunch atheistâ "struggled to adapt to life in post-war England. Eager to help the tormented young man, Jane encouraged him keep a diary of his day-to-day life. Those reflections are collected in this illuminating journal. Covering five remarkable years in Lewis's life, *All My Road Before Me* charts the inspirations and intellectual and spiritual development of a man whose theology and writingâ "including *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and many other beloved classicsâ "has had immense influence on the Christian world.

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Settle in for some time travel back to 1922 and observe the day-to-day life of WWI veteran and university student C.S. Lewis. Even his pre-Christian writings (such as Spirits in Bondage) reveal a mind awake. After reading some of the numerous biographies, why not go directly to the source? Most Lewis fans have read Surprised by Joy, but I suspect very few have looked at this 5-year diary. All My Road is a light, charming look at the young Lewis, and while there are few spiritual insights, his writing draws one in. I don't think Lewis considered at the time that this diary would ever be published; nonetheless, his writing is so engaging one might suspect he had the reading public in mind. What one gets is the day-to-day experiences of being a student, school politics, taking care of home responsibilities (the care of Mrs. Moore), occasional adventures, canoeing the Thames (very gratifying to me, a kayaker), drinking and conversing with friends, tea time, insights from his vast reading, and his reflections on writing his epic poem, *Dymer*. If all this doesn't sound too inviting, read a few pages, and you'll get the gist of what you're in for. I found myself looking forward to escaping back into Lewis's world. Editor Walter Hopper (for whom we owe a debt of gratitude for overseeing the CSL literary archives) has provided a helpful introduction, index and biographical sketches of numerous key figures mentioned. And there's a forward by Jack's good friend Owen Barfield. We can open this diary, pour a cup of tea and have a seat at the table with our old friend.

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