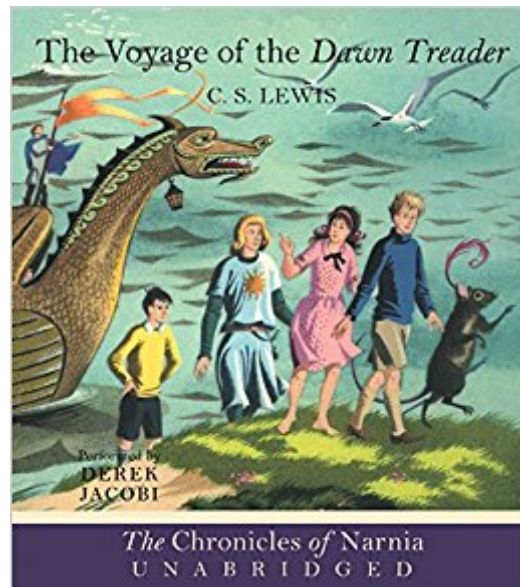


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The Dawn Treader is the first ship Narnia has seen in centuries. King Caspian has built it for his first voyage to find the seven lords, good men whom his evil uncle Miraz banished when he usurped the throne. The journey takes Edmund, Lucy, their courting Eustace and Caspian to the Eastern Islands, beyond the Silver Sea, toward Aslan's country at the End of the World.

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Customer Reviews

The BBC Radio production of *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* is a delightful two-hour sail on the most fabulous ship in Narnia. Lucy and Edmund, with their dreadful cousin Eustace, get magically pulled into a painting of a ship at sea. That ship is the Dawn Treader, and on board is Caspian, King of Narnia. He and his companions, including Reepicheep, the valiant warrior mouse, are searching for seven lost lords of Narnia, and their voyage will take them to the edge of the world. Their adventures include being captured by slave traders, a much-too-close encounter with a dragon, and visits to many enchanted islands, including the place where dreams come true. The adaptation is faithful to its source, C.S. Lewis's series of Narnia books, which have provided exciting and uplifting tales for generations of children. BBC Radio does wonders with sound effects--the ship creaks in the wind, the sorrowful dragon roars lugubriously--and musical cues and interludes that keep the pacing dynamic. There's also a splendid cast of plummy British voices, making this far more than a book read onto cassette--it's an audio drama, as enjoyable as a trip to the theater. Grownups who buy this tape for their children will want to borrow it for themselves. (Running time: two hours, two

cassettes) --Blaise Selby --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Grade 4-8-In the third book in C.S. Lewis's Chronicles of Narnia (but the fifth installment in Focus on the Family's Radio Theatre production), Edmund and Lucy Pevensy along with their bratty cousin, Eustace, are transported through a painting into Narnia where they join Prince Caspian on a voyage to the west. The children are tested on this voyage, and visit strange lands and encounter unusual creatures. Eustace is turned into a dragon, and then helped to return to human form by Aslan, the lion god. This outstanding full-cast dramatization adheres closely to the book's text. Recorded in London, actor Paul Scofield is the storyteller, and other parts are dramatically read by other British actors. The production features sound effects and background music, which sometimes becomes obtrusive. While adults might find the story a little dated at times and the religious elements somewhat heavy handed, children will not notice and will enjoy the story. This is a more complete version of the story than the excellent BBC production available from Bantam Audiobooks (1998). Louise Sherman, formerly Anna C. Scott School, Leonia, NJ Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I love this whole series, the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe is obviously the best so far, now I'm onto the Silver Chair and the High King, and I can't remember if I ever actually read those as a child so I'm looking forward to it! The thing to remember here is this isn't your typical fantasy book where the good army fights the evil army, the bad guy gets defeated in the end and so on, this is a book about discovery, a ship searching for seven missing lords and attempting to map unknown waters in the process. It doesn't have the climactic battle ending or anything, but if you're a fan of the Narnia series, it is a necessary tie in between the first books and the final ones, as you now say goodbye to the last of the Pevensies and move ahead to Eustace and Jill Pole (who is probably mentioned once in this book). A good read!

The Chronicles of Narnia has been one of my favorite series since childhood, and even now that I'm middle aged (plus) I still enjoy reading these books every so often. This book is SO much better than the recent movie version. Whoever wrote the screenplay should have been truer to the book, because it didn't need embellishment. I came out of the movie theater scratching my head and wondering what I'd just seen because it wasn't The Voyage of the Dawn Treader. There are so many enjoyable adventures in the book. From the smallest episode like the close shave with the sea monster to the retired star Coriakim's island the book has plenty of adventure for younger

readers, or those like myself who can still remember being young. It brings back the idea of the possibility of encountering something unknown, the thrill of discovery.

The person who's been reading through The Narnian Chronicles will find in this final book of the 7 a difference in tone - a foreboding - right from the start. I'll try not to spoil anything with details; the story is good, but quite different than the others. Like the others, there are many quotable lines that show wisdom and spiritual maturity, and deserve to be pondered and shared. For example, one enticing line (paraphrased from memory) is: "Everyone receives what they truly seek." The Last Battle contains much of Lewis's theology of heaven (which he more fully explored in his novel "The Great Divorce" (the "divorce" is the separation between Heaven and Hell)), as well as in some of his stand-alone essays on the subject. We see who (Lewis believed) arrives in heaven and who does not, and why. We see a kind of purgatory, and his view of "the new heaven and new earth" of Scripture. We see what is allowed and not allowed in each (though it is not always explained just why some of the allowances and restrictions exist). He provides some great metaphors for the afterlife (Good and Evil) which are worth meditating on and appreciating. Many who agree with the rest of Lewis's theology will disagree with some of his theology about heaven. But, as he says in one of his essays about belief in the Satan and demons, these are not crucial to the faith, they are opinions which he believes are the best answers we have at this point, and his faith (and ours) will not be thrown on the rocks if we discover the details to be otherwise.

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader is the BEST Narnia book! The Voyage of the Dawn Treader serves up 5 star adventure as our seafaring friends travel amazing new lands. Every new land has its own kind of adventure. And beneath the adventure aspect we see a novel of great depth which allows for some outstanding character development. In particular, the journey of Eustace of going from being a jerk to being a reformed and redeemed character is splendid. Then there's Reepicheep. Reepicheep's undying belief in the existence of Aslan's Country and his persistence in wishing to see it out along with his sheer nobleness make Reepicheep, apart from Aslan, the strongest animal character in the Narnia series. And Caspian himself has his moment toward the end where he has to realize who he truly is and where he truly belongs. Just a wonderful blend of engrossing plot and character growth. 5 out 5 stars easily.

Lewis is a master of allegorical fantasy, and this book is no exception. One of my favorites in the Chronicles of Narnia, this installment continues the story of the Pevensies as Edmund and Lucy join

now King Caspian on a voyage to the End of the World. And of course, Aslan is ever-present, even if not always seen! Justice, redemption, courage, and fantasy intertwine in this excellent work.

The Kindle Edition of the book is very clean with nice illustrations. This is probably one of my least favorite books in the Narnia series, but is a favorite of many. The setting of a voyage on the sea further opens up the world of Narnia, but the structure of the story seems to lend itself to a group of short stories rather than as much of a build to something big.

The last Narnia book is the least favorite of mine. A clever ape concocts a scheme to rule Narnia using a counterfeit Aslan. The first part of this book is not as compelling a read as the other books in the series. But when the heroes are captured and the world is about to end, Lewis creates a beautiful vision of the Real Narnia that leaves you with the deep longing he called joy.

This is perfect book for the family, it offers hope, and a future...C S Lewis paints a wonderful story, and lets you have something positive to discuss with your family instead of watching videos or electric entertainments. This the last book, so make sure to read all of them, my children who are now adults, and with their own families got their start by reading books like "The Chronicles of Narnia". All four of our children graduated from college with masters degree, and reading was always something that they enjoyed. We made books fun, so it is now being passed down to another generation.....C S Lewis just had a wonderful way of expressing himself with words. :-)

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