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Once Upon a Wardrobe

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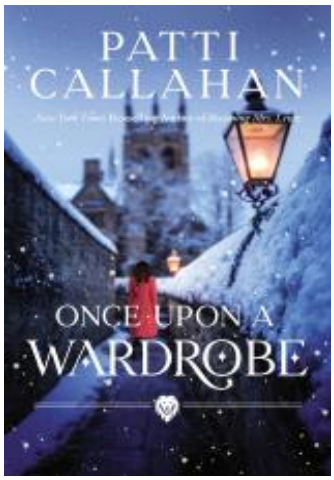

About the Book

From Patti Callahan, the bestselling author of BECOMING MRS. LEWIS, comes another enchanting story that pulls back the curtain on the early life of C. S. Lewis.

?Where did Narnia come from??

The answer will change everything.

Megs Devonshire is brilliant with numbers and equations, on a scholarship at Oxford, and dreams of solving the greatest mysteries of physics.

She prefers the dependability of facts --- except for one: the younger brother she loves with all her heart doesn?t have long to live. When George becomes captivated by a brand-new book called THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE and begs her to find out where Narnia came from, there?s no way she can refuse.

Despite her timidity about approaching the famous author, Megs soon finds herself taking tea with the Oxford don and his own brother, imploring them for answers. What she receives instead are more stories...stories of Jack Lewis? life, which she takes home to George.

Why won?t Mr. Lewis just tell her plainly what George wants to know? The answer will reveal to Meg many truths that science and math cannot, and the gift she thought she was giving to her brother --- the story behind Narnia --- turns out to be his gift to her, instead: hope.

Discussion Guide

1. Did you ever wonder where Narnia came from?

2. At the start of the novel, Megs Devonshire doesn?t care much for made-up stories. Why do you think her heart changed? Have you felt the same? What stories have changed you?

3. George Devonshire is looking for more than facts when he asks about the origin of Narnia. What do you think he is really asking? What does he really want to know?

4. As you read about the seven events in Lewis? life, which one do you think contributed the most to Narnia? Where do you see these events in his life in the pages of THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE?

5. If you could ask C.S. Lewis anything about Narnia, what would it be? Did his stories answer any of those questions for you?

6. How did you feel about the ending of the story? Would you change it if you could? Was it what you expected?

More discussion questions can be found in the back of the book.

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