

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe is about Narnia, a country frozen in everlasting winter and a land waiting to be set free. Four adventurous children, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy step through a magic wardrobe door and accidentally walk into a world they never expect to see in their wildest dreams. In order to rescue Narnia which is enslaved by the power of the White Witch, they collaborate with the Great Lion, Aslan, and eventually defeat the evil witch. In the end, Narnia is liberated.

This book is the most notable one among the entire *The Chronicles of Narnia*. When people talk about C. S. Lewis, this is the book that immediately springs to mind. Lewis is such an amazing storyteller that readers all indulge in this enchanted world. *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* is the second book in the whole series and a terrific fantasy for both adults and children. It leads us to explore a whole different world. After reading this book, few will ever look at any closet door the same way again. Some may criticize that Christian beliefs are overplayed throughout the book; however, I don't think that is the case because the humors, courage, and the depictions of inhabitants of Narnia are so vivid, they will always stay with the readers for a long, long time.

I am especially inspired by the brotherly love the four children have for each other and the effort they make to save Narnia. At first, they lose their way and argue with each other. Nevertheless, when they encounter challenges one after another, they realize that blaming each other won't solve any problems. Instead, they should encourage each other. Unity is strength that can lead to the light at the end of the long dark tunnel.

This is the second time I read this book. I first read the Chinese version of the whole series of *The Chronicles of Narnia* in grade five. I was totally absorbed in them. Every one of them are worthy of being read again and again. I appreciate the pure pleasure I experience each time I open these books. They are just like my best companions. Whenever I come across difficulties or feel down, these stories give me the courage to overcome them and in no time, I am ready to face everything. Now I am a senior high school student. Reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* again makes me discover a whole new dimension to it. I have come to realize the motto the wise author embedded in it--Come what may, as long as we band together, we shall be able to overcome any obstacle through teamwork.

The book also inspired me to save our environment from devastating natural

disasters. Excessive and inappropriate industrial development has taken a toll on our environment that is deteriorating at an alarming rate. Severe air pollution and deforestation have caused serious global warming in almost every part of the world. These are stern warnings from our mother nature. Everyone should chip in to make the world a better place. Motivated by the efforts of the four dauntless children, I hope that I can fulfill my duty to protect our world as a global citizen. We can contribute by cutting down oil consumption, taking public transportation or riding a bicycle whenever possible, exploring green energy, planting more trees, and supporting government's policies that address the issue of environmental protection. These are just a few simple measures we can take to fight global warming and save our world. We have only one Earth. Let's all do our share. As long as we persist, we will be able to embrace an environment that we can all be proud to call home.