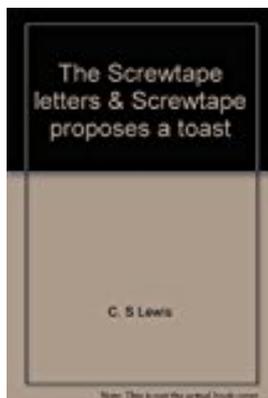


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Who among us has never wondered if there might not really be a tempter sitting on our shoulders or dogging our steps? C.S. Lewis dispels all doubts. In *The Screwtape Letters*, one of his bestselling

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