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Introduction

A good book can touch our lives like a good friend. Within its pages are words and characters that can inspire us to achieve our highest ideals. We can turn to it for companionship, recreation, comfort and guidance. It can also give us a cherished story to hold in our hearts forever.

In Literature Units, great care has been taken to select books that are sure to become good friends!

Teachers who use this unit will find the following features to supplement their own valuable ideas.

- Sample Lesson Plans
- Pre-reading Activities
- A Biographical Sketch and Picture of the Author
- A Book Summary
- Vocabulary Lists and Suggested Vocabulary Activities
- Chapters grouped for study, with each section including:
 - *quizzes*
 - *hands-on projects*
 - *Co-operative learning activities*
 - *cross-curriculum connections*
 - *extensions into the reader's own life*
- Post-Reading Activities
- Book Report Ideas
- Research Ideas
- A Culminating Activity
- Three Different Options for Unit Tests
- Bibliography
- Answer Key

We are confident this unit will be a valuable addition to your planning, and we hope your students will increase the circle of “friends” they have in books as you use our ideas!

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

by **C.S. Lewis**

(*Macmillan, 1950*)

Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy are visiting an old Professor in the country in order to avoid the air raids in London. Living in a huge old historic mansion is a new adventure for all of the children. The problem appears when Lucy, the youngest of the four brothers and sisters, is playing hide-and-seek and discovers another world, a world of fauns, witches, and magic, in the back of an old wardrobe. None of the other children believe her.

In the other world, Narnia, Lucy meets a faun, Mr. Tumnus, who admits to her that he is working for the White Witch. Tumnus has been assigned the job of finding and handing over in “Sons of Adam” and “Daughters of Eve.” Charmed by Lucy, he does not hand her in to the Witch. Meanwhile, Lucy’s brother Edmund has found his way into Narnia, too, and has been told by the Witch (who claims to be Queen of Narnia) to bring in his brother and sisters. When he does this, says the Witch, she will give him more Turkish Delight, an enchanted confectionery, and will make Edmund King of Narnia.

Back in the mansion, Edmund lies to the others about having been in Narnia. He is eventually found out when all four children enter the wardrobe together. They find out that Mr. Tumnus has been taken captive by the Witch and his cave had been ransacked for not arresting Lucy. The children decide to try to help Tumnus, meet a family of beavers hostile to the Witch, and wind up fighting on the side of the forces of Aslan, a lion, the true King of Narnia.

Aslan’s victory is not without some uncertainties, as when Aslan allows the Witch and her followers to kill him so that they will let Edmund (who acted as a traitor) go free. Yet the four do conquer with Aslan and rule on four thrones in Narnia at the castle called Cair Paravel. In the end, they find themselves back at the mansion with the Professor.

