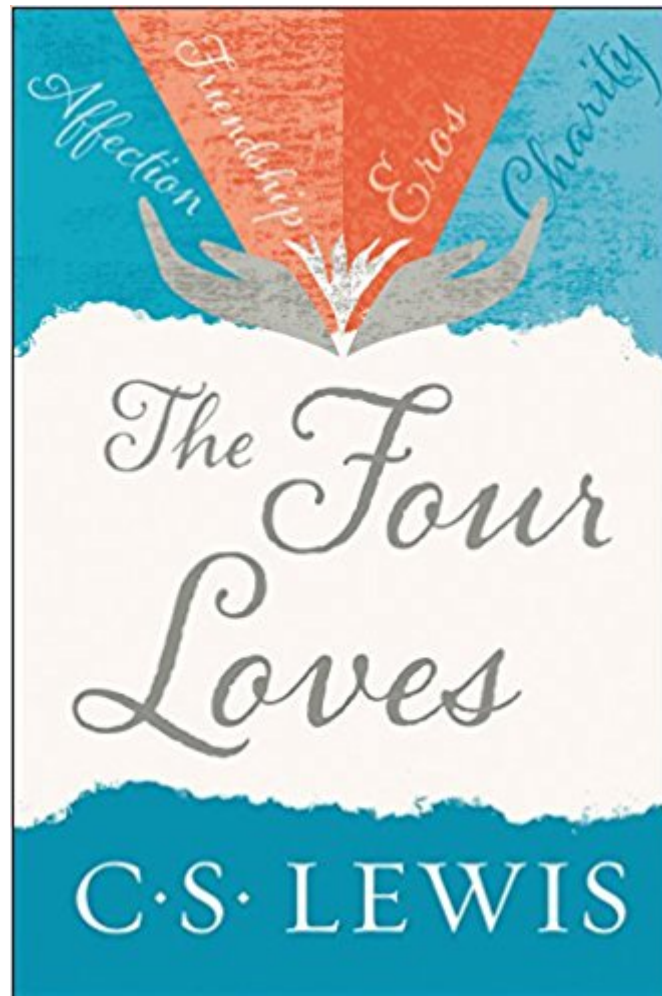




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# The Four Loves



## Synopsis

A repackaged edition of the revered author's classic work that examines the four types of human love: affection, friendship, erotic love, and the love of God. Part of the C. S. Lewis Signature Classics series. C. S. Lewis, the great British writer, scholar, lay theologian, broadcaster, Christian apologist, and bestselling author of *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and many other beloved classics, contemplates the essence of love and how it works in our daily lives in one of his most famous works of nonfiction. Lewis examines four varieties of human love: affection, the most basic form; friendship, the rarest and perhaps most insightful; Eros, passionate love; charity, the greatest and least selfish. Throughout this compassionate and reasoned study, he encourages readers to open themselves to all forms of love, the key to understanding that brings us closer to God.

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How does love work in our daily lives? The human loves can be glorious images of Divine love. No less than that: but also no more. In *The Four Loves*, C. S. Lewis explores the four kinds of human love in one of his most famous works of nonfiction. He identifies these kinds of love as affection, the most basic form; friendship, the rarest and perhaps most insightful; eros, passionate love; and charity, the love of God. With his characteristic warmth and lucidity, Lewis examines how love works in our lives and allows us to be closer to God.

Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963) was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and

arguably one of the most influential writers of his day. He was a Fellow and Tutor in English Literature at Oxford University until 1954, when he was unanimously elected to the Chair of Medieval and Renaissance Literature at Cambridge University, a position he held until his retirement. He wrote more than thirty books, allowing him to reach a vast audience, and his works continue to attract thousands of new readers every year. His most distinguished and popular accomplishments include *Out of the Silent Planet*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and the universally acknowledged classics *The Chronicles of Narnia*. To date, the Narnia books have sold over 100 million copies and have been transformed into three major motion pictures.

Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963) fue uno de los intelectuales más importantes del siglo veinte y podríamos decirse que fue el escritor cristiano más influyente de su tiempo. Fue profesor particular de literatura inglesa y miembro de la junta de gobierno en la Universidad Oxford hasta 1954, cuando fue nombrado profesor de literatura medieval y renacentista en la Universidad Cambridge, cargo que desempeñó hasta que se jubiló. Sus contribuciones a la crítica literaria, literatura infantil, literatura fantástica y teología popular le trajeron fama y aclamación a nivel internacional. C. S. Lewis escribió más de treinta libros, lo cual le permitió alcanzar una enorme audiencia, y sus obras aún atraen a miles de nuevos lectores cada año. Sus más distinguidas y populares obras incluyen *Las Crónicas de Narnia*, *Los Cuatro Amores*, *Cartas del Diablo a Su Sobrino* y *Mero Cristianismo*.

Knowing which type of love is appropriate in a context means that expectations of others may be reasonable and met. The world's knowledge rejects love that is without condition and Lewis explains that Agape isn't a love for fools and saps and pushovers, but rather is the love of choice and strength and decisiveness... the kind of love God extends to us no matter how many times we reject Him. Once we understand that we can accept His love and begin to offer that kind of love to others.

Very interesting read. Some of the discussion / scenarios are a bit dated (for obvious reasons!), but the underlying points are definitely solid and pertinent.

Excellent.

Excellent book, deep discussion of the different kinds of love.

Again a great CS Lewis book. Not my favorite book by Lewis but nevertheless great. Lewis

describes friendship as the most Godly of all the loves.

A challenging read

I love C. S. Lewis and originally had this recording on cassette tape but permitted someone to borrow them. Thankful that this came out on CT. Excellent analogy of the gift of love by Lewis.

C.S. Lewis is a great writer, and he addressed many aspects of love (and so charity) that I had never thought of before.

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