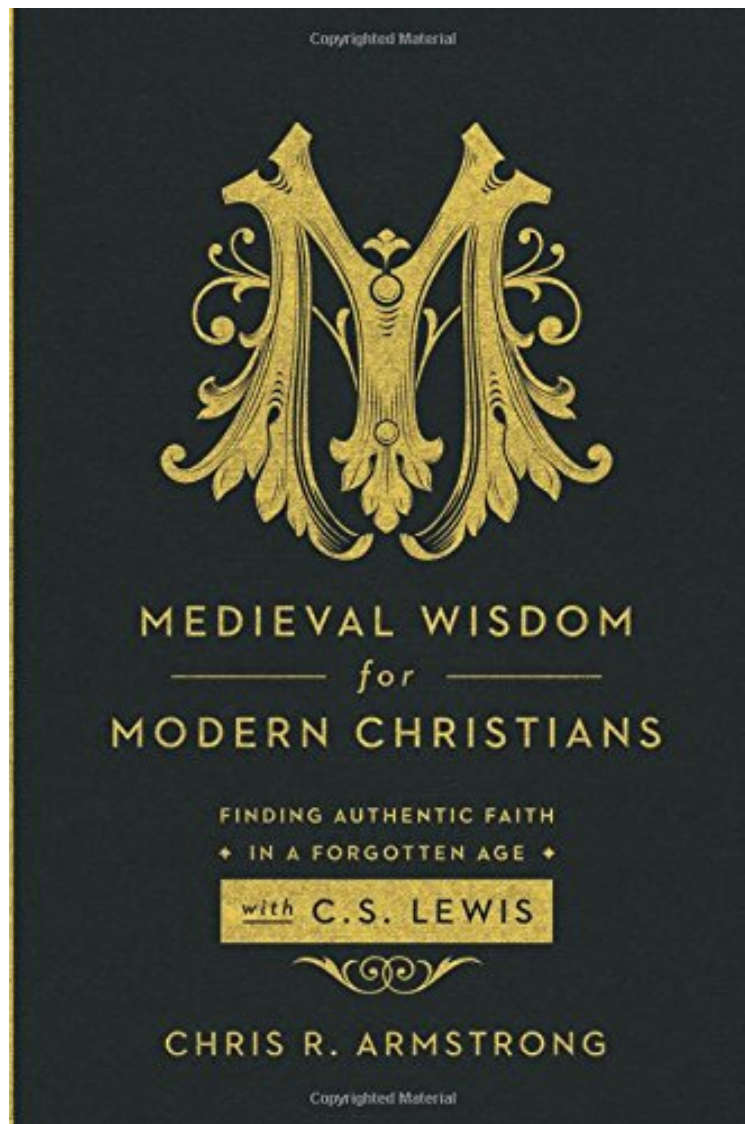


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works on Medieval Celtic Christianity and CS Lewis, I wasn't sure what I would learn that was new in this book. Yet coming at it with this background, *Medieval Wisdom for Modern Christians* was still a valuable read. Armstrong has excellent writing style (the medium fits the message) and has breadth and depth of knowledge--both of Lewis and friends, and also of the Middle Ages. This book helped me to realize the extent to which elements of Celtic Faith that I love are in fact expressions of broader Medieval Christianity. Armstrong is an Evangelical, whereas my theology is more Mainstream, but I found no reason to quibble with his theological assertions. I recommend this book to any Christian reader and hope it gains in readership and influence. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Gift Worth Commenting On! By W. G. Walker This was a gift for a family member. She was surprised at how detailed and historical the book is, and how much information it contains. She still comments several months later ... Sounds like a winner! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Tonya Roberts Thanks!

Many Christians today tend to view the story of medieval faith as a cautionary tale. Too often, they dismiss the Middle Ages as a period of corruption and decay in the church. They seem to assume that the church apostatized from true Christianity after it gained cultural influence in the time of Constantine, and the faith was only later recovered by the sixteenth-century Reformers or even the eighteenth-century revivalists. As a result, the riches and wisdom of the medieval period have remained largely inaccessible to modern Protestants. Church historian Chris Armstrong helps readers see beyond modern caricatures of the medieval church to the animating Christian spirit of that age. He believes today's church could learn a number of lessons from medieval faith, such as how the gospel speaks to ordinary, embodied human life in this world. *Medieval Wisdom for Modern Christians* explores key ideas, figures, and movements from the Middle Ages in conversation with C. S. Lewis and other thinkers, helping contemporary Christians discover authentic faith and renewal in a forgotten age.

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