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#### Review

"The mistake that Uncle Andrew made was not because he believed that wealth could be brought back from Narnia. His mistake was in refusing to bring back the right kind of wealth -- it is wisdom we need, not more steel and battleships. Louis Markos has remedied that problem, importing a great of wisdom from Narnia, and Middle Earth as well, with plenty to spare. I am happy to recommend *On the Shoulders of Hobbits*."

Douglas Wilson, author of *What I Learned in Narnia*

"Thoughtful, helpful, insightful, *On the Shoulders of Hobbits* reminds us just how much is to be gained by standing on the shoulders of Tolkien and Lewis, those Christian literary giants."

Michael Ward, Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics and co-editor of *The Cambridge Companion to C.S. Lewis*

"A book that richly celebrates the place of story in our lives—even as it invites us to walk the road with, and glean life lessons from, some of J.R.R. Tolkien's finest characters."

Kevin Belmonte, editor of *A Year with G.K. Chesterton*, and lead historical consultant for the film, *Amazing Grace*.

"Louis Markos' thoughtful exploration of virtue through the writings of JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis is a valuable resource for parents, teachers, and young people seeking models and guides for living a life shaped by, and infused with, the richness of Christian virtues."

Holly Ordway, Houston Baptist University and author of *Not God's Type*

#### From the Back Cover

Classical virtue has been lost.

Courage, valor, trust, and friendship seem to be things of the past, of a different age and era. But is that because we have simply forgotten how to see them and learn them?

There was a time when virtue and vice were learned not through mere lessons and propositions but through stories. Real life truth and goodness was communicated powerfully through fantastical fiction. Louis Markos takes us back to that day and that reality.

Through the iconic works of J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis we are reintroduced to classic virtues, both good and bad. Markos shows the reader how powerful stories and their characters act as teachers and examples of what to be and not to be in real life.

Rediscover the power of stories and the importance of virtue through this beautiful work.

#### About the Author

**LOUIS MARKOS**, is a professor in English and Scholar in Residence at Houston Baptist University and holds the Robert H. Ray Chair in Humanities. Dr. Markos is a respected and widely requested speaker on C. S. Lewis, Tolkien, and Christian worldview as well as the arts, education, the new age, apologetics and, ancient Greece and Rome. He is the author of several books and numerous lectures and articles. Dr. Markos lives in Houston, Texas, with his wife Donna, his son Alex, and his daughter Stacey.

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