



*From the Mind of C. S. Lewis*

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ONE SCHOOL ONE BOOK



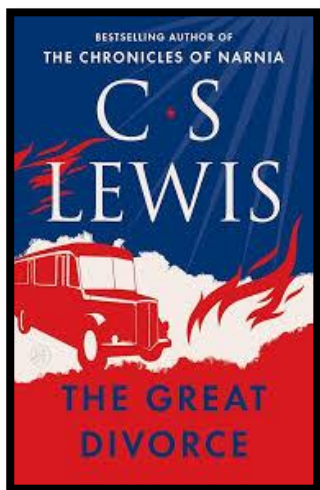
***“There is but one good; that is God. Everything else is good when it looks to Him and bad when it turns from Him.”***

The DePaul Catholic administration and faculty believe that summer reading serves as a vital extension of students' intellectual and linguistic growth. Just as athletics, the performing arts, and other disciplines demand year-round dedication to skill development, so too does academic excellence require sustained engagement with reading. Through continued practice, students cultivate not only stronger literacy skills but also a richer foundation of knowledge, perspective, and understanding. In fostering this habit, we seek to support our students in their journey as lifelong learners and to inspire a commitment to ongoing personal and intellectual growth.

### ***Who Goes Home?***

This infinitely compelling subject of good vs. evil gets a fresh perspective from C.S. Lewis in this tale of a bus ride from hell to heaven. Vividly told, as only Lewis could, it is a refreshingly original take, and a great read across religious perspectives.

In ***The Great Divorce***, C. S. Lewis deploys his formidable gift for fable and allegory with striking precision. The narrator, who is an everyman stand-in for the reader, finds himself in Hell, boarding a bus bound for the outskirts of Heaven. **What awaits is a startling premise: any soul who truly desires to remain in Heaven may do so.** From this deceptively simple invitation unfolds a profound meditation on good and evil, grace and judgment, choice and consequence.



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At the heart of Lewis's vision lies a revolutionary insight that the gates of Hell are not barred from without, but locked from within. Through luminous imagery and piercing moral clarity, ***The Great Divorce*** reshapes our understanding of the eternal, challenging us to reconsider not only the nature of damnation, but the cost of redemption itself.

**This summer we are asking students  
in Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12 to read:**

***The Great Divorce***

**by C. S. Lewis**



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