

LIFE LESSONS: LWW

1. Courage

"You doubt your value, don't run from who you are."

This quote from Aslan stresses the value that we mustn't doubt ourselves, even when it feels like hope is lost. My younger self really adored this line. It was very important and it still remains important today.

Another key element of bravery in this book is Peter saving Susan and Lucy from Maugrim the wolf, he also saves the beavers. This develops throughout as his courage grows. For me, this emphasized no matter where you come from, no matter how old you are, courage and bravery can be a good thing, especially when it comes to helping or aiding those you love the most.

2. The importance of friendship

This book taught me the importance of friendship. It felt that no matter what happens, friendship is one of the most important things. This was evident in the form of Mr. Tumnus and Lucy's relationship. Tumnus initially saves Lucy from the white witch, later, Lucy does the same for Tumnus. This heartwarming friendship still makes me smile when I think of it.

3. Fighting for what you believe in

As a young child, it taught the importance of standing up for your beliefs and never letting anyone else steer you away from them. This was present in the character of Lucy, when finding Narnia, her siblings failed to believe her. But instead, she still knows it's true and even though she wishes them to believe at the beginning of the novel, she does stop telling them about it to a degree — until Susan and Peter then find themselves in Narnia.

4. To have faith

When Professor Kirk urges Susan and Peter to believe their younger sister about the magical land she has found, he encourages them to open their minds. You can see this initially changes their way of thinking, for me, this was a pivotal point in the novel as Professor Kirk had been to Narnia before. Therefore, he urges Susan and Peter to believe their younger sister.

5. Lying is never good (Yes, Edmund)

When Edmund lies about entering Narnia it has a startling impact. Due to lying, he doesn't tell anyone of the White Witch or how he came to tell her of Lucy's meeting with Tumnus. Edmund's act of not telling anyone the truth means he ends up facing the consequences in the form of being imprisoned by the witch. This doesn't only impact Edmund, but it impacts Tumnus too. For me, this scared me — I thought if I lied about anything the witch would come for me!

This also demonstrates the importance of family as the three siblings embark on a journey to save their brother. The whole reason they stay in Narnia is to retrieve Edmund. So, it is him we have to thank because if they hadn't stayed there they never would have become kings and queens.

6. Magic opens minds

Magic, for children, is vital. It teaches to stretch the imagination and think outside the box. For me, growing up it was so important that I stretched my mind and explored possibilities, because of C.S. Lewis and this one book, I decided I loved English, I am now studying English and creative writing. So, this book taught me to keep an open mind and explore my imagination.