**The chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian - C.S. Lewis**

***General***

Title: The chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

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***Contents***

*Summary:* The book ´Prince Caspian´ tells the story of Peter, Edmund, Lucy, and Susan as they are pulled back to the magical land of Narnia for the second time (the first time: The Lion, the Witch and the wardrobe).

When Peter and the rest are going to school they are somehow pulled into the magical land of Narnia. The Narnia that they remember has been destroyed by men called Telmarines. If the young Prince Caspian (He´s a Telmarine himself) finds out that his uncle Miraz wants to kill him so he can become king of Narnia, Caspian flees into the woods.

Here he calls Susan, Lucy, Peter, and Edmund back to Narnia (with the aid of the horn of Queen Susan) to help him and the old Narnians in the fight against the Telmarines that want to destroy everything native in Narnia.

The army of Miraz is way too big, they will never be able to win the battle. But Peter challenges Miraz to a one-to-one fight till death. The one who loses must surrender and leave Narnia forever. Miraz agrees but loses against Peter.

Then Glozelle (the right-hand of Miraz) still attacks the old Narnians, and it looks like they are going to lose, but then Aslan awakens the trees and they scare the army so bad they run away to the bridge they have made over the big river. When they arrive at the bridge, a giant hydra man (or something like that) destroys the bridge and kills Glozelle. The rest of the army surrenders, and Prince Caspian wins the battle.

In the end Peter, Edmund, Susan and Lucy go through a magical portal back to the railway.

*Settings:* In the beginning Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy are in the beginning of the first or second world war. Around 1914-1918 or 1938-1945. When they are in Narnia there isn’t really a sense of time. So, you don't exactly know when this adventure happens. First, they are in an English railway on their way to school. And then they are in Narnia, primarily at Cair Paravel and Aslan's Howl. Those places are also the places where all the actions happen. The battle itself is at the big open field in front of Aslan's Howl. (Aslan's Howl is some sort of big tomb where the stone table is)

*Title:* The title doesn't really need any explanation, because it is just the name of the most important character in the book. Caspian, Prince Caspian.

**Characters**

*Caspian*: Prince Caspian is one of the main characters because his name is the title of this book. The book goes about him trying to get the throne, because he is the righteous king of Narnia. Caspian is a Telmarine but has heard many stories about the old Narnia as a kid, so he believes in it. Also, he is smart, brave and Prince.

*Peter*: Peter is one of the sons of Adam, he was high king of Narnia in the first book and he is also brave and smart, and he is a born leader, but he is also a little bit obstinate and that is sometimes a little unwieldy

*Edmund*: Edmund is the other son of Adam, and he is also brave. In the first adventure he is a traitor, but he has learnt of his mistakes. He is a king and good with the sword.

*Susan:* Susan is a Queen and one of the daughters of Eve, and she is the most full-grown. She is good with her bow. She is besides a full-grown person quite clever.

*Lucy:* Lucy is the youngest and littlest of all four and she´s also the most naïve. She is very kind to everyone and everything. And everywhere where she can help, she helps.

*Aslan*: A really big LION, who is virtually the one protecting everyone. It isn’t literally written in the book, but everything in the Narnia books is referring to Christianity. Good against evil. Aslan the Lion refers to God. Et cetera.

*Caspian*: the ´main character´. The story is mostly about him. He is the thrownless righteous king of Narnia. *Peter, Edmund, Susan and Lucy* are also really important in the book. They are the main characters that come in every Narnia book.

All these characters are interacting with each other, and that goes quite well. there is one time when Caspian and Peter have a disagreement. But that is all. And all these characters have a lot of contribution in the story.

***Form***

*What sort of work is this:* It´s a fictional adventure book. You can tell this by all the magical things and that they are having an adventure. It is kind of hard to explain why, but if you have read the book you will understand. And it is a narrative, because the story is told in kind of third person. You are not with them in the story (I-voice) but it’s like you see the story as a film.

*How is it constructed:* The story is subdivided into parts, first the railway in England, then the part that the four children are in Cair Paravel. Hereafter they are at Aslan’s Howl, and the book ends in the railway again. There are also flashbacks, when they get in Narnia a dwarf tells them the story of Prince Caspian. This is in itself a chapter apart. And when in England there is only one year past, in Narnia there are hundreds of years past. The timelines are not commensurate. The climax of the story is that when it looks like they are losing the battle, suddenly, the trees are walking, and they win.

*Who tells the story:* No one really tells the story, it’s just like you are in the cinema, only now there is no film. There is no I-voice and the story is not told to you. In some way it is shown to you.

***Theme and moral***

The moral of this book is mostly that good always wins, that is leastwise what I got from it. of course, all the things in the book refer to Christianity as I said. Aslan is God, Prince Caspian is probably Jesus in some way. And Miraz is the devil. That is maybe a little too straight forward, but eventually it is good against evil.

There isn’t really a moral in the story, maybe power. That Aslan eventually is a lot more powerful than Miraz with his army. Good will always defeat evil.

**Opinion**

*My general opinion:* I like how the book is written, in some books it’s just hard to read. But in this book, you can easily read the whole book in one time. (that’s what I did) but I have already seen the filming twice, so I couldn’t get the images of the film out of my head.

*My personal opinion:* There was one time when I read a book, it really touched my feelings. I don’t have that often and also this time not really, but I think it is a beautiful book, partly because it refers so much to Christianity. As I have said several times. But I also like the whole story itself, it is exciting and thrilling.