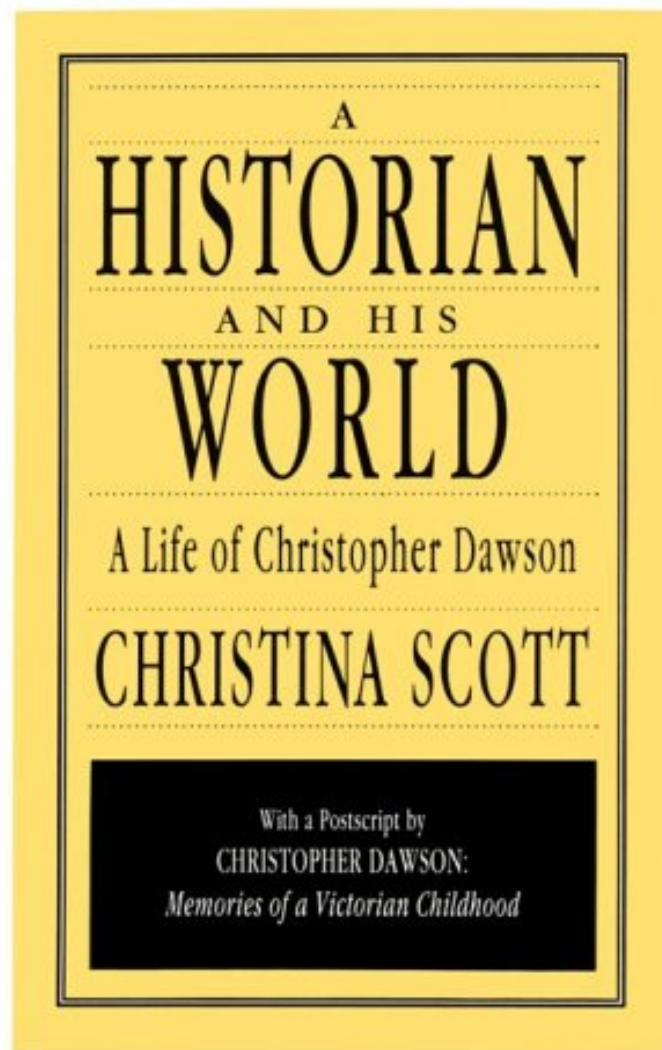


(Ebook free) A Historian and His World: A Life of Christopher Dawson (Library of Conservative Thought)

A Historian and His World: A Life of Christopher Dawson (Library of Conservative Thought)

Christina Scott

audiobook / *ebooks / Download PDF / ePub / DOC



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

#3476222 in Books 1991-01-30Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 9.20 x 1.10 x 6.10l, 1.45 #File Name:
1560000139240 pages | File size: 38.Mb

Christina Scott : A Historian and His World: A Life of Christopher Dawson (Library of Conservative Thought)

before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Historian and His World: A Life of Christopher Dawson (Library of Conservative Thought):

17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. inspiring biographyBy A CustomerThis book is a biography of the British historian Christopher Dawson, written by his daughter Christina. Dawson was an incredible scholar, and his writings are almost prophetic: some of his essays on world history are current today. His biography describes a

complex man, a mystical experience that brought him to the Catholic Church, a life in the pursuit of knowledge that was never easy. He held an endowed chair at Harvard's Divinity School. I would recommend this book for graduate students in the humanities, it can be very inspiring for any scholar-to-be.

As a historian of ideas, Christopher Dawson was one of the most distinguished Catholic thinkers of the twentieth century. He was a scholar of immense erudition, a writer of great style and fluency, and the first Stillman Professor of Roman Catholic studies at Harvard. It is in the field of the history of ideas that he achieved his most lasting influence. This biography by Christina Scott, Dawson's daughter, is a sensitive portrait of a complex and fascinating scholar. The author's first-hand knowledge and her access to unpublished family memoirs has enabled her to paint a convincing picture of the basic personal security provided by Dawson's private life, his friendships, and his deep Christian faith—a personal security all too often required as a bulwark against the vicissitudes and disappointments of his public life. Dawson's Catholicism proved a problem to advancement in his academic career; and when public recognition of his true stature finally came, in the form of the Stillman Chair, it came late in life and in a country other than his own. Christina Scott shows that Dawson is best understood as he himself interpreted his historical subjects—in the context of "the spiritual world in which he lived, the ideas that moved him, and the faith that inspired his action." Dawson was not a historian of ideas for their own sake; he had a passionate belief in their liberating power. *A Historian and His World* will be of interest to intellectual historians, historians of religion, and students of modern Catholic thought. This is the first publication of the Dawson biography in the United States. It is graced by a postscript written by Christopher Dawson reflecting upon the meaning of his work.

To sum up the life of Christopher Dawson is not an easy task. . . . [I]n *A Historian and His World* of which *A Life of Christopher Dawson* is a subtitle his daughter Christina Scott succeeds marvelously. . . . [M]odestly and wonderfully crafted, full of affection and insight but also with a splendid kind of detachment, and excellently written. . . . [T]his book is not only fresh with insights. It is a first-class introduction to that enormous corpus of work within which we can discern Dawson's essential idearium. John Lukacs, *The Intercollegiate* About the Author Christina Scott has worked in publishing and journalism. She is co-editor with James O'Haver of an important posthumous collection of Christopher Dawson's work published as *Religion and World History*.