Becoming Mrs. Lewis ACCOLADES

New York Times Bestselling Author Patti Callahan

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NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLING AUTHOR

Awards

Recipient of the 2020
Harper Lee Award for
Alabama's Distinguished
Writer

The Christy Award
2019 Winner Book of the Year
Historical Romance (tie)

Alabama Library Association
Fiction 2019 Book of the Year

USA Today Bestseller List

The Globe and Mail Bestseller List

Publisher's Weekly Bestseller List

Amazon #1 Bestseller List
(Biographical historical fiction)

London Free Press Bestseller List
April | 2020

ECPA Bestseller
#1 Christian Fiction Bestseller
#31 Overall Top 50
#3 Fiction Bestseller List

UK Shortlisted for the 2020 Goldsboro Books Historical
Romantic Novel of the Year Awards
Feb | 2020

Becoming Mrs. Lewis Timeline

Becoming Mrs. Lewis (US)

The Improbable Love Story of CS Lewis & Joy Davidman
"Meets the World"
Publisher Thomas Nelson| HarperCollins
Oct | 2018

Becoming Mrs. Lewis (UK)

Publisher: Harper Inspire | Harper Collins
May | 2019

“Behind the Scenes of Becoming Mrs. Lewis Podcast”

A seven-part original podcast
Host and Author, Patti Callahan
Publisher, Thomas Nelson | HarperCollins
Oct | 2019

“Behind the Scenes of Becoming Mrs. Lewis Podcast Audio Collection”

Includes Bonus Episode & Material

Jan | 2020

Expanded Paperback Becoming Mrs. Lewis Edition

Includes bonus material

March | 2020

Accolades

Must-Read Book Lists

Indigo

Canada: Heather’s Book Pick July 2019

Summer Reading Pick June 2019

Okra Pick

2018 SIBA Fall Okra Pick

Wall Street Journal

10 Leaders in Business, Politics and

Arts Share Their Favorite Books of 2019

Susan Packard | Dec 2019

UK: Barker & Jones | The Book Centre

June 2019 Book of the Month

Waterford, Ireland

World Magazine:

Summer Reading for Refreshment

Aug | 2019

Bloomberg Business:

Toronto, ON Canada

July | 2019

Parade

10 New Books to Take on Your Next Adventure

10 Guilty Romance Reads Coming This Fall

Southern Living

Fall Books We Are Excited to Read

PopSugar

The Top 28 Books

25 Great Books You Should Cozy Up with in October

Good Housekeeping

20 New Books You Must Read This Fall

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

9 Southern Books We Recommend This Fall

Best Southern Books of 2018

Deep South Magazine

Best of 2018

GARDEN & GUN

October Reading List

WORLD

Women's Christian Fiction
for Beachgoers

Amazon Charts

This week in books: Page-turning historical fiction

'History in Her History"

Jan 2019

Medium Magazine

"The Only Historical Fiction Books
You Need to Read this Summer"

"Read Your Way around the World"
2020 | *The Reading Lists*

Shelf Awareness

"Travel around the world without leaving your living room"
July 2020

Love Reading: UK

Weekly Staff Picks

Oct | 2019

Fresh Fiction

Picks of Feb 201

Fall/Winter Reading List

AudioFile

Fall Preview-5 Romances Not to Miss

July | 2019

BookHub

10 Fall Books Recommended

by Debbie Macomber

Mental Floss

The Books You Should Pack

for 4 Types of Flights

Literary Hub

The Ultimate Fall 2018 Books Preview

The Christian Science MONITOR

10 Best Books of October

The Monitor's Picks

Book Clubbish

(Harlequin) 20 Most Anticipated New

Releases This Month

Debbie Macomber

Celebrity Picks: Debbie Macomber's

Favorite Reads of 2018

Lifeway Books

Lifeway Best of 2018

K- LOVE

Fan Awards 2018

Home by the Book

Book Club Pick with Gold Star

The Connect

Book Club Pick

Sequim Gazette

Finding Love at the Library

Romance Story Feb 2019

Christian Library Journal

Review 5 Stars May 2019

It's a Southern Thing

10 Newish Southern Books
You Should Add to Your Bookshelf
Jan 2019

Corsicana Texas

Books for the Bibliophile
Romance Novels to Warm You
Feb 2019

Modern Mrs. Darcy

24 Much Anticipated New Titles to Add
to Your Fall "To Be Read List."

SheReads

The Most Anticipated Books of Fall 2018

HOPE

Must Reads for October

BookReporter

Bets on Pick

BHAM Now

Books by Birmingham Authors
To Add to Your Reading List 2020

Frolic Media

Perfect Pairings: Books and Coffee Orders

Katherine Reay 2020

WABE | Where Atlanta Meets NPR

Author Joshilyn Jackson

"Recommended Reading for Shelter-in-Place"

March 2020

Numerous Other Book Club Picks

& Book Blogger Posts

Articles Both By, and About Patti for *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

Readers, Writers, Women's Books

Authors Interviewing the Characters

March | 2020

The San Diego Tribune

Becoming Mrs. Lewis' explores the turbulent life
of the woman C. S. Lewis called 'my whole world'

March | 2020

Female First UK:

"8 Things I did to research my characters."
April | 2020

Love Magazine UK

"BECOMING JOY": Sunday Feature Nov | 2019

Red Magazine UK

"Patti Callahan on the woman who changed her life."

Oct | 2019

Together Magazine UK:

Holly Bird on . . .
"The Woman Behind the Man? Or Beside Him!"

July | 2019

World Book Day UK

Journalist Melanie Hewitt

Becoming Mrs. Lewis | July 2019

The Booktrail UK

Novel set in Oxford – *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

Q&A with Patti

June | 2019

Mobile Bay Magazine

Q&A with Patti

Sept | 2019

Christianity Today:

"The Woman Who Wanted Something More"

May | 2019

Good Grit Magazine

"Sisterhood of Characters"

July | 2019

Black Mountain News

USA Today

Friends of the L. Nelson Bell Library brings

C.S. Lewis scholars for discussion

Feb | 2019

Harper INSPIRE

"Why I Write" by
'Becoming Mrs Lewis' Author Patti Callahan

Feb | 2019

Historical Novel Society

Callahan Reveals "The Woman Beside the Man"

Feb | 2019

Over the Mountain Journal

"Something to Say"
Romance Between Joy Davidman and C.S. Lewis

Feb | 2019

Career Authors

"Choosing the Best Protagonist for Historical Fiction by Patti "

Feb | 2019

SS United States

Integral role in novel BML– carrying Joy
from America to live with CS Lewis.

Jan | 2019

FaithGateway

“Imperfect Faith” by Patti Callahan

Jan | 2019

The Bluffton Sun

'Becoming Mrs. Lewis' celebrates little-known writer, muse

Nov | 2018

AJC Atlanta

Historical novel tells C.S. Lewis’ love story from his wife’s perspective

Sept | 2018

Arts Atlanta

“A Woman’s Tenacious Spirit”

Sept | 2018

Alabama News

“Alabama’s Callahan turns to historical fiction in
new work about C.S. Lewis’ wife”

Sept | 2018

Cisternyard Media

College of Charleston

Becoming Mrs. Lewis," Ourselves”

Sept | 2018

Numerous Other Articles, Press, and Interviews

Podcast with Host Patti Callahan

Podcast Audiobook Collection Released

"Behind the Scenes of Becoming Mrs. Lewis"

Jan | 2020

Bloomberg

New Podcast Shows Continue to Fuel

Opportunities to Expand Audience

Nov| 2019

International: Canada/UK/Ireland

TV: NATIONAL | The Morning Show Canada Global TV

With hosts: Jeff McArthur and Carolyn Mackenzie

Sept | 2019

TV Interview Canada: 100 Huntley Street

With host Maggie John

Sept | 2019

TV: NATIONAL | Your Morning, CTV Interview

With host, Ben Mulroney

Sept | 2019

Podcast & Radio Interviews

The Meeting House: Rejoice975.com Radio

Podcast Interview: With Host Dwight A. Moody

April | 2020

C.S. Lewis College

"Jack & Joy – The Creative Power of Love "

March | 2020

Publishers Weekly Litcast

BML Podcast with Patti

Oct | 2019

The Eric Metaxas Radio Show

Sept | 2019

89.9 Light FM Australia

Sept | 2019

Podcast: Sunday Nights

With Lyn Arnold 1079 Life (AU)

July | 2019

Vision Christian Radio (AU)

Neil Johnson (20Twenty)

May | 2019

Podcast: After Hours with

Pints with Jack—Host Matt Bush

Oct | 2019

Podcast: Bookreporter

Sept | 2019

UCB Media:

"This is My Story"
Sept | 2019

BelleCurve Book Club Podcast Interview

—Episode 49 with host Liz Beshears

“Joy’s spiritual journey”

June | 2020

Podcast: Pints with Jack - CS Lewis

With Host David Bates

Feb | 2019

Jesus Calling Podcast

"Growing Brave to Become More"

With host Rebecca Bender | Feb 2020

The Wade Center

Podcast Patti Becoming Mrs. Lewis

Dec | 2018

The Drew Marshall Show

Podcast with Patti Callahan —*Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

Nov | 2018

Podcast: Rebel Parenting

With hosts Ryan & Laura Dobson

Nov | 2018

Podcast: Literary ATLANTA

Becoming Mrs. Lewis

Oct | 2018

BOOKMARKS

Triad Podcast Network

Oct | 2018

Podcast Literary Latte:

Weaving Fact & Fiction to create Joy

Oct | 2018

Video Interviews

Oxford, England with Patti

Becoming Mrs. Lewis

"Meet C. S. Lewis's wife Joy Davidman"

– Becoming Mrs. Lewis: A Novel | 2018

"Tour Magdalen College"

—a setting in Becoming Mrs. Lewis | 2018

"The Glory of Oxford, England"

—Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan | 2018

"C. S. Lewis and the Woman He Loved"

With C. S. Lewis Chair Terry Lindvall | 2018

Bookreporter

Patti Becoming Mrs. Lewis
With host Carol Fitzgerald

Oct | 2019

Video SCETV Interview: "By the River"

With host Holly Bounds Jackson

Sept | 2019

INDIGO Live Books Canada

With Heather Reisman

July 2019 | Book Club

Changing Seasons

"Refreshing women with stories of hope"

July | 2019

Marion E. Wade Center

"Book Talk" | Dec 2018

Southern Voices

Hoover Public Library

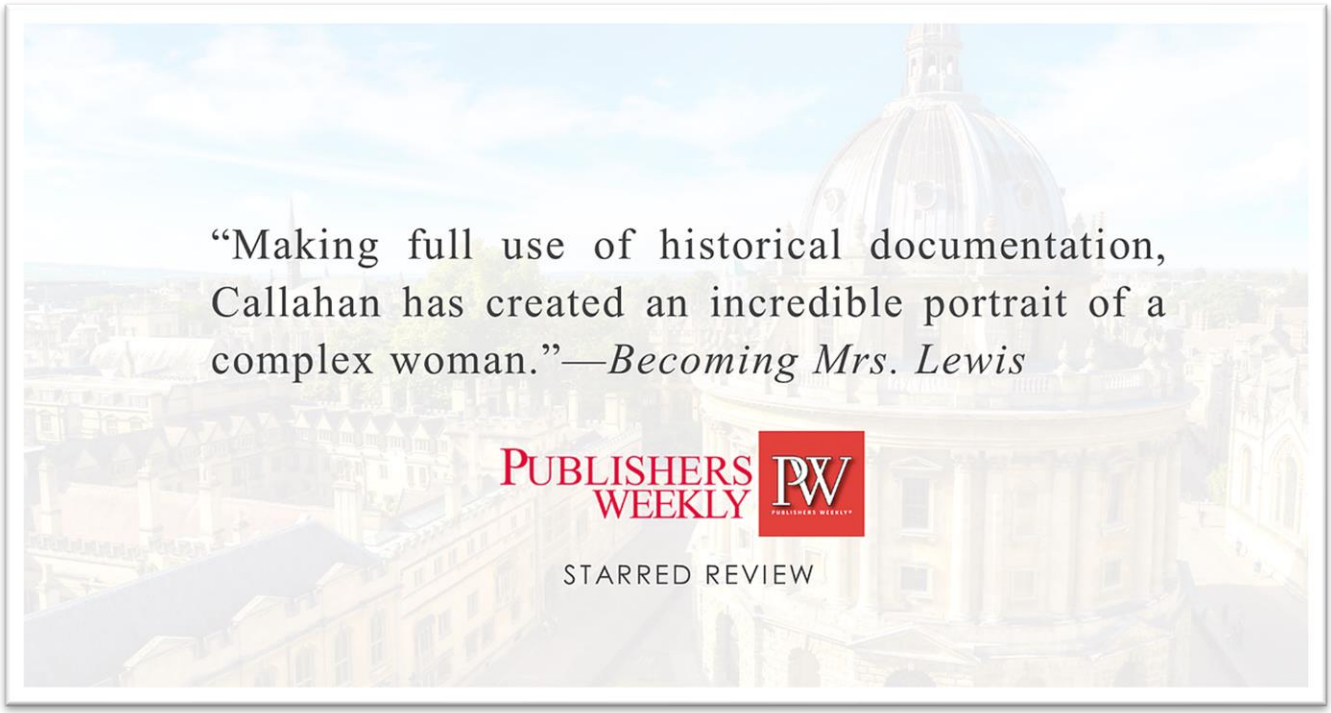
May | 2019

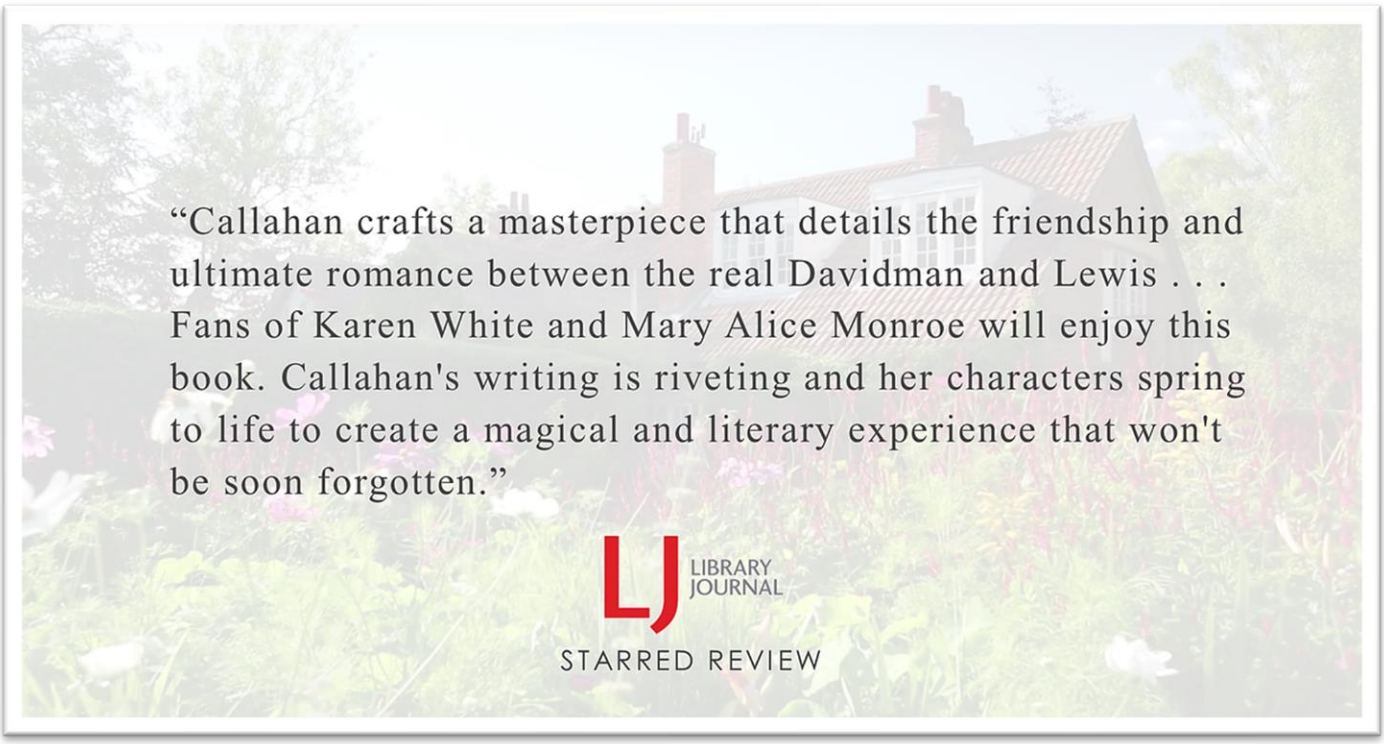
Bookmark

with Don Noble April | 2019

Editorial Reviews

Becoming Mrs. Lewis





"Readers familiar with the life and work of C.S. Lewis will relish learning about the woman who inspired some of his most famous books. Others will find the slow burn of the romance between the two mesmerizing. All fans of women's fiction, particularly works with religious themes, will appreciate reading about this vibrant and intelligent woman."—*Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

Booklist

"Patti Callahan took a character on the periphery, one who has historically taken a back seat to her male counterpart, and given her a fierce, passionate voice. For those fans of Lewis curious about the woman who inspired *A Grief Observed* this book offers a convincing, fascinating glimpse into the private lives of two very remarkable individuals."

NEW YORK
journal of books

"Patti Callahan's lyrical novel *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* details American author Joy Davidman's unconventional friendship-turned-romance with famed author and Christian apologist C.S. Lewis . . . The thoughtful narrative reads more like a memoir than fiction."

WORLD
real matters. | WNG.ORG

"Patti Callahan has inhabited her subject so convincingly that Joy's light can finally shine brightly. Highly, highly recommended!"

historicalnovelsociety
HISTORICAL NOVEL REVIEWS

"Spanning more than a decade, this slow-burning love story will be especially satisfying to writers and C.S. Lewis fans, as there are many references to his literary canon and his famous stories of *Narnia*. Callahan's prose is heartfelt and full of grace."

—*Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

BookPage
AMERICA'S BOOK REVIEW

Praise for *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

"I love Patti's narrative voice, and her illumination of Joy Davidman's life is soul stirring. I have read *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* twice already!!"

GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING
SINGER-SONGWRITER AMY GRANT

"It's not supposed to be a technical biography of my mother. It's a novel. And it's a very good one. . . extraordinarily accurate. . . more accurate than most biographical essays that have been written about my mother."

DOUGLAS GRESHAM, SON OF JOY DAVIDMAN,
WIFE OF C.S. LEWIS

“Patti Callahan seems to have found the story she was born to tell in this tale of unlikely friendship turned true love between Joy Davidman and C. S. Lewis, that tests the bounds of faith and radically alters both of their lives. Their connection comes to life in Callahan's expert hands, revealing a connection so persuasive and affecting, we wonder if there's another like it in history. Luminous and penetrating.”—*Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING PAULA MCLAIN

“ Patti Callahan has written my favorite book of the year . . . It is both a meditation on marriage and a whopping grand adventure. Touching, tender, and triumphant, this is a love story for the ages.” —*Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

BESTSELLING AUTHOR ARIEL LAWHON

"Patti Callahan breathes life into this fascinating woman whose hunger for knowledge leads her to buck tradition at every turn." —*Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

NYT BESTSELLING AUTHOR DIANE CHAMBERLAIN

"I was swept along, filled with hope, and entirely beguiled, not only by the life lived behind the veil of C.S. Lewis's books but also by the woman who won his heart."—*Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

#1 NYT BEST SELLING AUTHOR LISA WINGATE

"In *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*, Patti Callahan breathes wondrous fresh life into one of the greatest literary love stories of all time:. . .Callahan chronicles their complex and unconventional relationship with a sure voice, deep insight into character and eye for period detail. The result is a deeply moving story about love and loss that is transformative and magical."

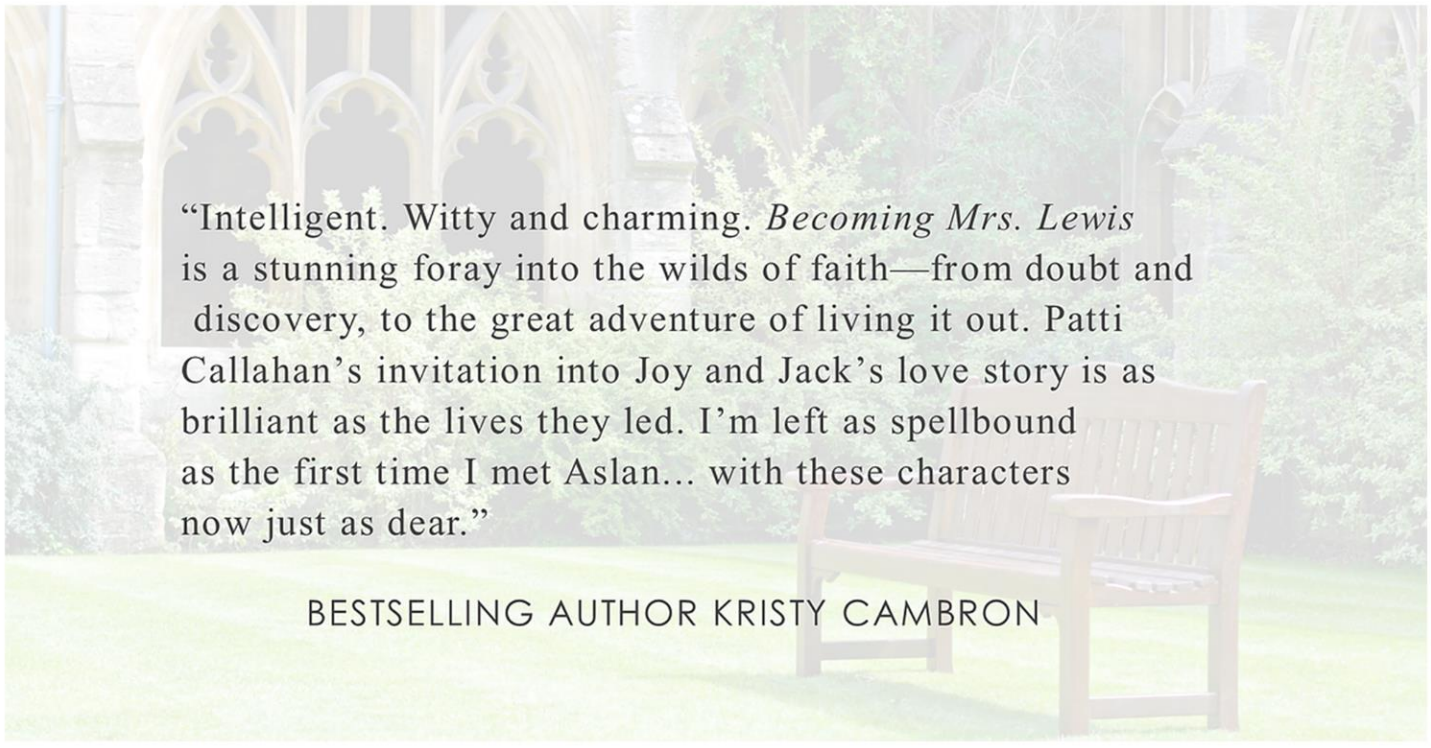
NYT BESTSELLING AUTHOR PAM JENOFF

"Patti Callahan somehow inhabits Davidman, taking her readers inside the writer's hungry mind and heart. We keenly feel Davidman's struggle to become her own person at a time (the 1950s) when women had few options . . . An astonishing work of biographical fiction." —*Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

BESTSELLING AUTHOR LYNN CULLEN

"Joy Davidman Gresham's marriage to C.S. Lewis is one of the most told and retold narratives in world literature. But Patti Callahan's passionate quest to become Joy's voice is the quintessential account. Like no author before her, she visited the bars where the couple drank, the classrooms where Jack taught, and finally was befriended by the family and given access to private papers and documents. When a master storyteller performs unique research and writes the book of her life, readers are treated to a special prize. This is a treasure." —*Becoming Mrs. Lewis*

JAKE REISS, THE ALABAMA BOOKSMITH—HOMEWOOD, AL



"Intelligent. Witty and charming. *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* is a stunning foray into the wilds of faith—from doubt and discovery, to the great adventure of living it out. Patti Callahan's invitation into Joy and Jack's love story is as brilliant as the lives they led. I'm left as spellbound as the first time I met Aslan... with these characters now just as dear."

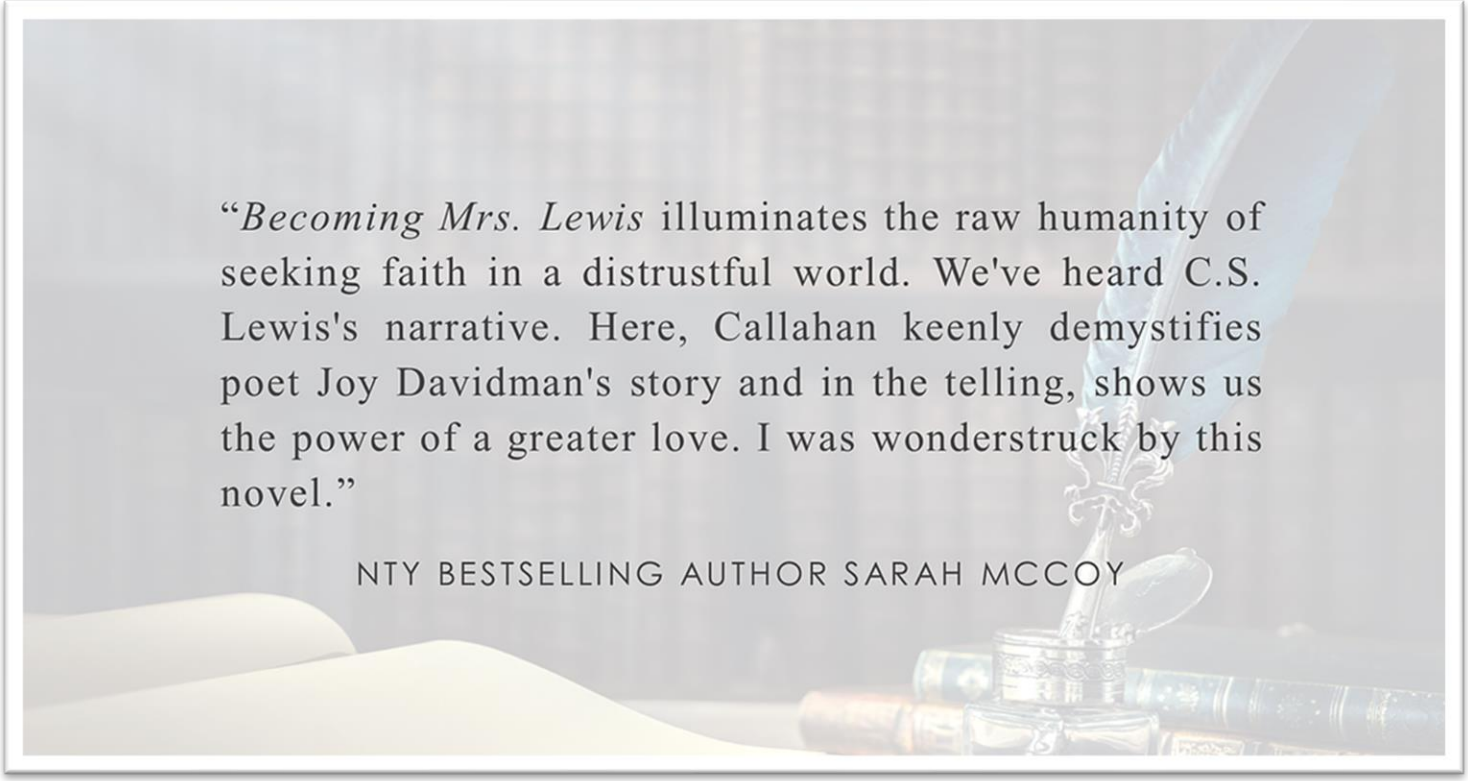
BESTSELLING AUTHOR KRISTY CAMBRON

"In *Becoming Mrs. Lewis,* Callahan peels back the curtain and allows a glimpse into Joy Davidman's extraordinary life and her love and marriage with C.S. Lewis. With captivating prose, Callahan carries the reader across the ocean from New York to Oxford and into the private heart of this tender love story"

BESTSELLING AUTHOR KATHERINE REAY

"Profoundly evocative, revealing an intimate view of a woman whose love and story had never been fully told . . . until now . . . *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* is a tour de force and the must-read of the season!"

NYT BESTSELLING AUTHOR MARY ALICE MONROE



"*Becoming Mrs. Lewis* illuminates the raw humanity of seeking faith in a distrustful world. We've heard C.S. Lewis's narrative. Here, Callahan keenly demystifies poet Joy Davidman's story and in the telling, shows us the power of a greater love. I was wonderstruck by this novel."

NTY BESTSELLING AUTHOR SARAH MCCOY