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The Pilgrim’s Regress: Wade Annotated Edition,  
239 pp. $25.00. ISBN 9780802872081  
Reviewed by Laura Rhoden, Library Director,  
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A reprint of the first book written by C. S. Lewis after he became a Christian, The Pilgrim’s Regress: Wade Annotated Edition helps readers better understand this rich allegory by providing notes of explanation for hundreds of otherwise obscure quotes and references contained within the book. Considered by Lewis to be an “updated version” of John Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress, The Pilgrim’s Regress also follows one man’s spiritual journey and the spiritual dangers he faces along the way. Some of the more modern cultural fads, philosophies, and movements woven into the later narrative include humanism, Freudian psychology, and Marxism.  

A critical introduction by editor David C. Downing supplies background information necessary for fully enjoying the narrative; his annotations presented throughout The Pilgrim’s Regress include not only explanations of unfamiliar quotations, terms, and allusions, but also references to other Lewis works, both published and unpublished.  

The Wade Annotated Edition of The Pilgrim’s Regress succeeds in unveiling a previously difficult-to-read work. Fans of C. S. Lewis will appreciate fully understanding the first of his fictional allegories and its relation to his later works.  

Pope John Paul II Speaks on Women,  
Reviewed by Amy C. Rice, Access Services Librarian,  
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Pope John Paul II Speaks on Women is a collection of his writings and speeches addressing many aspects of women’s lives. The editor, Brooke Williams Deely, suggests this will give readers a sense of “the development in historical context of his thought” (p. 12).  

In Reading 1, an excerpt from his Theology of the Body catechism, the Pope discusses views of Aquinas (influenced by Aristotle) on men and women, and suggests that they do not portray an accurate biblical perspective. Instead, he uses an exegesis of