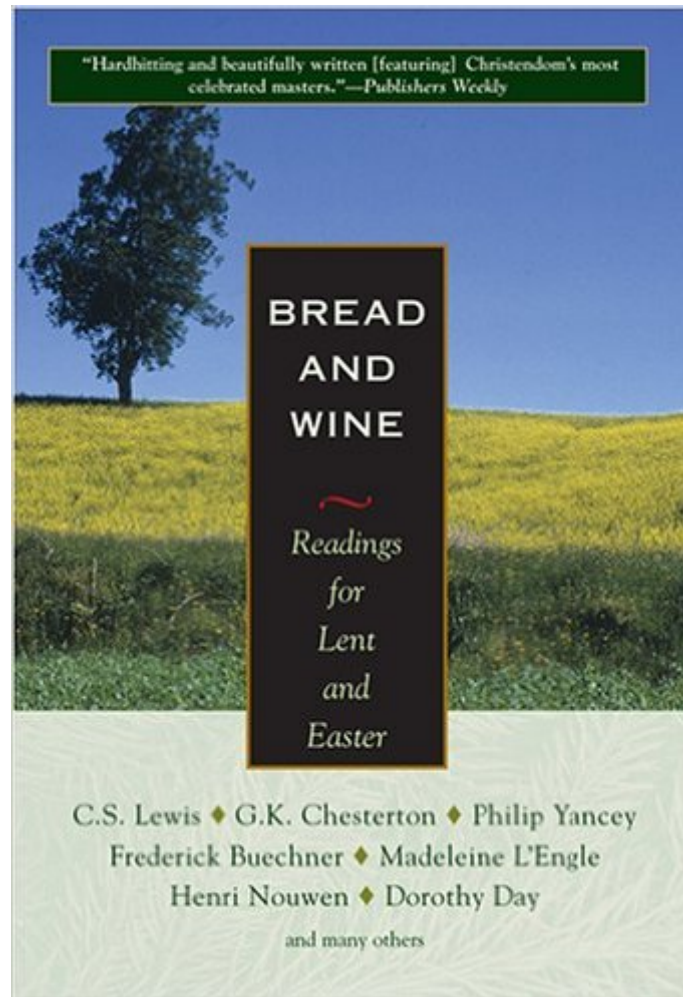


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heart can the Lord Christ enter in?" Walter Wangerin speaks about Christ as the perfect Mirror, the one that terrifies and startles with its clarity- and yet heals us too. "This mirror is made of righteous flesh and of divinity- and this one loves me absolutely." Jean-Pierre de Caussade writes about surrender: "Everything is yours, everything is from you and for you. Mine is to be satisfied with your work..." Edna Hong describes the way Lent strips the soul and then Christ supplies His fullness.

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