

# The Scuttlebutt Letters

# Words to a Wild Tongue

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## DESCRIPTION

Scuttlebutt (naval slang for the ship's gossip) is the affectionate nickname given to the tongue by his correspondent in these letters.

The letter–writer reprimands the tongue for steering the whole person into catastrophe, for enjoying little morsels of gossip, for creating smokescreens of lies. But it turns out that you can't change the tongue without changing the heart. And once the heart encounters the true Word, the tongue's words becomes even more important, as it becomes praisemaker, doxologist and theologian. An encouraging short book for anyone who struggles to keep their words under control.

#### MARKETING POINTS

Follows format of The Screwtape Letters

Letters from Heart to Tongue

Hurt that can be caused by words

### **AUTHOR**

Natalie Brand is a writer and Bible teacher. She has authored several books, including 'Priscilla, Where Are You? A Call to Joyful Theology' and 'The Good Portion: Salvation'. She has a Ph.d in systematic theology from the University of Wales and lectures in theology.

#### **ENDORSEMENTS**

READ THIS BOOK! Wow, I was really blown away. This book is written as satire similar to CS Lewis' The Screwtape letters. I have not read that book so I did not know what to expect, but man was this a convicting read. This book deals with the topic of gossip and careless speech, how our tongue can steer us into all kinds of evil. This book is very short and I thought I could zoom through it but I had to digest a chapter evening by evening to really meditate on how it was challenging me. Natalie Brand is a fantastic writer! This was so well done. I think this is a must-read for every Christian, but read at your own risk! You will walk away being very cautious of your speech.

# Lia Ross Reads

Not since we last heard from Wormwood's uncle, has an author so masterfully employed Lewis's *Screwtape* motif to simultaneously entertain, expose, convict and challenge the human heart. This book is a sanctified riot!

# Reggie Weems

Pastor; C.S. Lewis researcher

... a must–read for every believer with a tongue. With honest insight, clever humour, and theological care, Natalie shows the trappings of sinful speech and the gospel remedy for self–deceived hearts. Her writing is a delight, and her message is timely.

# Cheryl Marshall

Co-author, 'When Words Matter Most'

A modern allegory to deal with the age–old problem of keeping our lips under control ... clever, funny and a powerful reminder that at heart it is our hearts which need changing.

### Ros Clarke

Associate Director, Church Society

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