

EPISODE **63**

Introducing Kids to Chesterton

Guest: Nancy Carpentier Brown

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Meet Nancy Carpentier Brown



Meet Nancy Carpentier Brown: She is the wife of artist Michael Brown and the mother of two daughters.

She first discovered the work of G. K. Chesterton in college and has become a much requested speaker on the Chestertons.

She is the author of numerous works including *The Father Brown Readers 1 and 2*, *The Chestertons and the Golden Key* and a new book on Frances called *The Woman Who Was Chesterton*. You can connect with her [at her blog](#) or through the [American Chesterton Society](#).

In This Episode

In this episode Sarah and Nancy talk about all things Chesterton. They share their favorite quotes, the way they first discovered his work, the best place for new readers to start and even movie and audiobook recommendations. If you have been curious about Chesterton, this episode is for you!

The Listening Guide

Use this guide to skip to parts that most interest you, or listen to the entire podcast.

- 4:15 An introduction to Chesterton
- 6:15 How Nancy found Chesterton
- 12:00 The Father Brown Reader
- 18:00 Make the first encounter delightful
- 21:30 The American Chesterton Society
- 23:00 Favorite essay collections
- 25:15 Where to start
- 28:00 Jim Weiss recordings
- 31:15 Let the Kids Speak
- 31:42 Meagan's comfort reads for hard days

Fairy tales do not tell children the dragons exist.
Children already know that dragons exist. Fairy
tales tell children the dragons can be killed.

— G.K. Chesterton

Quotes and Questions

* **The right time for a book.**

“And this time when I picked it up it was like a brand new book and I completely understood it and I absolutely loved it, it was an amazing book.”

When we hit bumps in the road, we tend to take it personally. But sometimes, it's just not the right time for a particular book. We can choose to set it aside knowing that when the time is ripe, the seeds we have planted will flourish.

* **Stolen moments and pockets of time.**

“I was taking them to art lessons for two hours and I thought during that speck of time I'm going to start working on this and I'm going to see if I can do it. And that's how The Father Brown Reader 1 actually happened.”

It's easy to think that someday we'll have time and space to really get to work on our own creative projects. But Nancy used stolen moments in her week to get her first book written. What pockets of time can you find in your week to move your projects forward step by step?

* **Meagan's husband wasn't a reader—until he encountered audiobooks.**

“He never really even consider himself a reader until he discovered audiobooks, which is so funny to me. It just shows you how many different ways people can interact with a book.”

* **First encounters.**

“I was hoping that they would have this great first encounter with this great man and have these good feelings about him and then slowly get more into Chesterton.”

This is an excellent way to approach homeschooling in general. Our job isn't necessarily to provide exhaustive information on every topic. Instead, we can confidently provide great first encounters. As Charlotte Mason says, we lay the rich and varied feast and each child takes what she needs.

Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- [The Chestertons and the Golden Key](#)
- [The Father Brown Reader](#)
- [The Father Brown Reader II](#)
- [The Woman Who Was Chesterton](#)
- [Orthodoxy](#)
- [Common Sense 101](#)
- [The Innocence of Father Brown](#)
- [The Great Adventure of Sherlock Holmes](#)
- [What's Wrong with the World](#)
- [The Complete Father Brown Mysteries](#)
- [GK Chesterton: Apostle of Common Sense](#)
- [The Complete Thinker](#)
- [Wisdom and Innocence](#)

Other links from today's show:

- Leave a question for our upcoming Q&A Episode! [Go here and scroll to the bottom of the page to leave a message.](#)
- Nancy's [blog](#)
- [Chesterton Press](#)
- [American Chesterton Society](#)
- [The Emancipation of Domesticity](#)
- [Tremendous Trifles on LibriVox](#)
- [Discover Chesterton](#) (reading plans)

- [The Ball and the Cross](#)
- [The Ballad of the White Horse](#)
- [Mystery! Mystery! - Jim Weiss](#)
- Jim Weiss RAR Episodes: [04](#) and [05](#)
- [The Detective with Sir Alec Guinness](#)
- [Hillside Education](#)
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