

Owen Barfield, *Romanticism Come of Age: A Biography* By rapo88.org Simon Blaxland de Lange's biography (the first to be published on Owen Barfield) was written with the active cooperation of Barfield himself who before his death in 1997 gave numerous interviews to the author and shared many of his papers and manuscripts. This biography also features a sketch in his own words (based on interviews with the author) describing Barfield's strong relationship with North America and his two professions as lawyer and writer. a literal weaving narrative of mostly Barfield himself talking with Blaxland de Lange's filling in and tying together starting from Barfield's early childhood and on through his entire life. I'm almost ashamed to realize just how shallowly I considered Barfield to be before reading this book having read and studied his work for three decades but never having considered seriously his personal relationships his poetry the scope and depth of his researches for *History in English Words* which was the main source of empirical confirmation of his theory of meaning via a felt change of consciousness his family and so much else. Blaxland de Lange intelligibly and subtly presents Barfield's philosophical arguments sympathetically illuminates Barfield's poetry and fiction and fairly and intimately reveals Barfield with his friends lovers wife and children. We owe a fairly big debt to Blaxland de Lange for what he's done for our understanding of Barfield himself and of what Barfield taught us through poems plays fairy tales philosophical and critical studies and his impact as a human being on other human beings,

Barfield towers above us all the wisest and best of my unofficial teachers: Lewis We are well supplied with interesting writers but Owen Barfield is not content to be merely interesting, His ambition is to set us free from the prison we have made for ourselves by our ways of knowing our limited and false habits of thought our 'common sense. ' Saul Bellow Owen Barfield philosopher author poet and critic was a founding member of the Inklings the private Oxford society that included the leading literary figures C: Lewis who was greatly affected by Barfield during their long friendship wrote of their many heated debates: I think he changed me a good deal than I him: The fruit of this collaboration is a book that penetrates deeply into the life and thought of one of the most important figures of the twentieth century. It studies two of Barfield's influences the Romantic poet Coleridge and the philosopher Rudolf Steiner and elaborates on his profound personal connection with C, This updated edition features important new material including Owen Barfield's own *Psychography* (1948) and four pages of color plates: Owen Barfield *Romanticism Come of Age: A Biography* Simon Blaxland de Lange worked with Owen Barfield shortly before Barfield died in 1997, Barfield handed over lots of original unpublished material as well as spending time with Blaxland for taped interviews, The book shows clearly that Blaxland de Lange and Barfield made very good use of their time together and afterword. The uniqueness as well as the power of Blaxland de Lange's biography on Barfield starts with chapter 1, Right away then the reader gets a big dose of Barfield himself not only in his own words but his own spoken words: It's that living breathing speaking Barfield who informs all the chapters after, What comes across most strongly when I've finished the book and I transcribe my marginalia is just how powerfully subtle and alive and deliberate was Barfield's mind. C.S.S. Lewis J.R.R. Tolkien and Charles Williams.S. Lewis. 390 pages

