The Imagination of Lewis Carroll
By William Todd Seabrook

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Written in a series of quick, curious moments, The Imagination of Lewis Carroll is a fabulist biography that eschews sense for nonsense and accuracy for truth. A logic instructor at Christ College, Lewis Carroll was a man who tied knots in words and stared at chessboards, a man who stammered before adults and soared in front of children, a man who lived in a world that was not our own. But Carroll didn’t live in Wonderland or the Looking Glass—he lived in a world far more bizarre and far more lonely. This novella-in-flash straddles Carroll’s double life, where he teetered precariously between fantasy and reality. William Todd Seabrook’s spare but vivid stories invite readers to experience the world as Carroll did—down the rabbit hole of imagination.

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