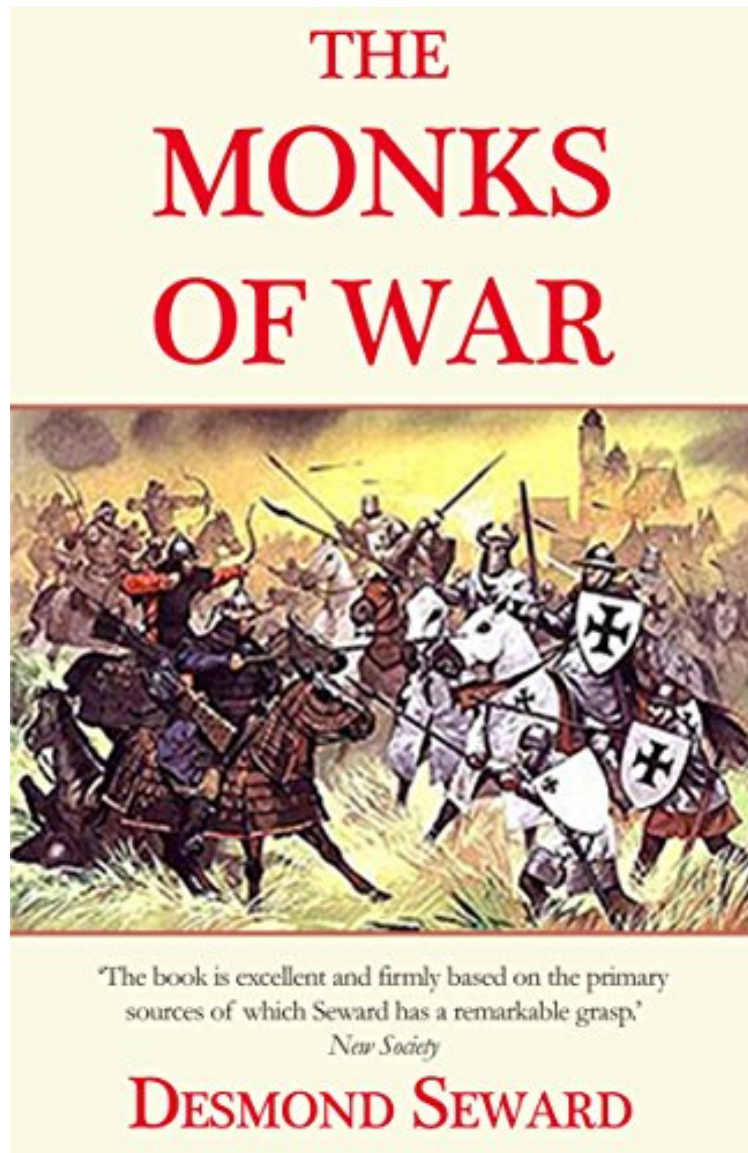


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Von Desmond Seward : The Monks of War: The military religious orders (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Monks of War: The military religious orders (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great resource, barebones writingVon Kevin CorvusI agree with what the others have posted here. I found The Monks of War to be an excellent resource for anyone interested in the details of the various military orders, their general history,

and some of their more prominent members and activities. If you want to start to get to know the orders and their deeds, then this is the best place to start. The only drawback is that Seward's writing is thick and makes for a tough read. This is not light, easy reading about the Crusades. You will, at times, be bored, and at other times be a little confused by the details (and why some of the details are at all important). I think Seward was aiming to cover as much general information about the orders (size, location of holdings, administration, aims, rites, etc.) and therefore does not go into great detail on the histories of the orders. Nonetheless, for those interested in the period and the orders, then this will always be an excellent resource. Now, what kind of cross did the Teutonic Knights wear into battle? Seward has the answer! Not mentioned in the other reviews is the fact that this is comprehensive --- Seward manages to cover the less famous of the orders as well as the Templars, Teutonic Knights, etc. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A potpourri of the medieval religious military orders. Von Ein Kunde The book is a brief yet interesting overview of the principal military crusading orders--the Templars, Hospitallers, and the Teutonic Knights. It covers all of these from their inception until their decay and dissolution. Unfortunately, the author uses some foreign / archaic words and phrases in the course of his work, and gives a generally scholarly presentation, which may decrease its appeal to the casual reader. Also, he goes into more extensive detail than some might like, especially in regard to the activities of the Teutonic Knights in their last days. But, all in all, to the lay historian (such as myself) of medieval times, I found it worth the reading and learned a lot about the relationships and rivalries that existed among these warrior priests 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Who, where, when and how? Here it is. Von Birgitte Heuschkel After about 4 years of researching the medieval military orders, I've found 'the Monks of War' to be a most resourceful book. It runs you through the basics of the main orders, along with offering numerous anecdotes, factoids, and curiosities. While each entry may not be conclusive - a conclusive book on the orders would be of about Encyclopedia Britannica size - it lets you know exactly which names to look for, and in what context. It is the perfect platform to launch a subject-oriented study of one of the orders, or even a member of one of the orders, from. I'm glad I got it. It's saved me tons of time.

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