

The Templar The Queen And Her Lover Knights Templar Mysteries 24 Conspiracies And Intrigue Abound In This Thrilling Medieval Mystery

Jerusalem sits at the crossroads of three continents and has been continuously invaded for millennia. Yet, in the middle of one of the region's most violent eras, the Crusades, an amazing multicultural world was forming. Templar knights, Muslim peasants, Turkish caliphs, Jewish merchants, and the native Christians, along with the children of the first crusaders, blended cultures while struggling to survive in a land constantly at war. *Defending the City of God* explores this fascinating and forgotten world, and how a group of sisters, daughters of the King of Jerusalem, whose supporters included Grand Masters of the Templars and Armenian clerics, held together the fragile treaties, understandings, and marriages that allowed for relative peace among the many different factions. As the crusaders fought to maintain their conquests, these relationships quickly unraveled, and the religious and cultural diversity was lost as hardline factions took over. Weaving together the political intrigues and dynastic battles that transformed the Near East with an evocative portrait of medieval Jerusalem, this is an astonishing look at a forgotten side of the first Crusades.

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One kingdom, two kings. Only one can rule As the year 1326 draws to a close, London is in flames. King Edward II is a prisoner, and the forces of his vengeful queen, Isabella, and her lover Sir Roger Mortimer, are in the ascendant. The Bardi family, bankers who have funded the King, must look to their future with the Queen, steering a careful course between rival factions – if, that is, they can keep themselves alive. Others, too, find their loyalties torn. Guarding the deposed King on behalf of Mortimer, Sir Baldwin de Furnhill and bailiff Simon Puttock find themselves entangled in a tightening net of conspiracy, greed, betrayal and murder. The thirtieth instalment in the gripping Last Templar Mysteries series, perfect for fans of C. J. Sansom and Susanna Gregory. Praise for Michael Jecks 'Michael Jecks is a national treasure' Scotland on Sunday

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COLLECTION: VOLUME 2 brings together three more of Michael Jecks' most popular Knights Templar mysteries. Join Sir Baldwin de Furnhill and Baliff Simon Puttock as they journey from England to France, and back again, in three riveting tales of murder and intrigue. *The Templar, the Queen & Her Lover: Queen Isabella*, wife to Edward II of England, has been dispatched to France in an attempt to bring about peace between the two countries, and Sir Baldwin de Furnhill must accompany her with his friend Simon Puttock. But the day after their arrival, a servant is found murdered, with Baldwin's dagger lying next to the body. As Baldwin struggles to prove his innocence, the killer strikes again. With so many English enemies gathering in Paris, will he be able to expose the culprit in time to protect the diplomats and their mission? *The Prophecy of Death: It's 1325*, and in England turmoil is rife. But could the Prophecy of St Thomas's Holy Oil be the key to saving the ill-fated reign of King Edward II? It is believed the one anointed with it will be a lion among men: he will conquer France, unite Christendom and throw the heathens from the Holy Land.

Meanwhile, Sir Baldwin de Furnhill, Keeper of the King's Peace, and his friend Simon Puttock return from France with urgent messages for the King himself. Soon they find themselves at the centre of a deadly court intrigue involving the most powerful and ruthless men in the country, who will stop at nothing, not even murder, to achieve their ambitions...

The King of Thieves: 1325: Sir Baldwin de Furnhill and his friend Simon Puttock are in France guarding King Edward's son on his perilous journey to meet the French king, Charles IV. But they are unaware that King Edward's wife Isabella is disaffected and plotting her revenge... What first appears a simple diplomatic mission is fast becoming lethally dangerous. Meanwhile, two murders in Paris are causing alarm. Is there a connection between the killings and the shadowy 'King' of thieves? Simon and Baldwin know the future of the English crown is at risk. And in order to protect it they must put their own lives in jeopardy. What readers are saying about *The Knights Templar* mysteries: 'Full of twists and turns right up until the end' 'Superb, with a diverse and fantastic cast of characters, mixing historical fact with the author's creations - and they blend beautifully' 'Jecks continues to astonish me in adherence to historical accuracy but also in his ability to write a tale so well'

The city gates are closed; the killer is within the walls... England, 1327. Sir Baldwin and his friend Bailiff Simon Puttock have a major problem. The deposed King Edward II, imprisoned under their guard, has escaped. They must ride hard to Exeter to inform the sheriff. But the sheriff has problems of his own. Overnight, the body of a young maid has been discovered in a dirty alleyway. The city's gates had been shut against the lawlessness outside, so the perpetrator must still be in the town. He tasks Baldwin with uncovering the truth behind this murder. But, with England in tumult, his task will be far from easy... The thirty-first instalment in the Last Templar Mysteries series, perfect for fans of Bernard Cornwell and Philippa Gregory.

Two young American tourists, Carmen and Cubby, arrive at a mysterious church in present-day Austria. They meet Otto, their tour guide, who leads them to the Silver Chapel. There he weaves an enchanting story involving knights, intrigue, and true love. Otto takes their imaginations on a journey to twelfth-century Europe during the High Middle Ages, a decade after the end of the First Crusade. Princess Margarethe and Theo first meet as children when her father, King Johann, grants knighthood to Sir Josef, Theo's father. The children are immediately drawn to each other despite the difference in social class. When Theo's parents are tragically killed, Margarethe swears to love him forever but is that true? Can their love survive even though they are destined to never marry? Carmen and Cubby have countless questions as the story unfolds, but Otto is always happy to explain and instruct. He tells tales of war, marriage, birth, death, and chivalry as Margarethe and Theo are constantly kept apart. Assassins abound, cultures collide, and the Knights Templar make their presence felt in sometimes surprising ways. Margarethe and Theo vow eternal loyalty, no matter the sacrifice.

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But will they get their happy ending or remain resigned to the duties of differing stations? Welcome to the new and timeless story of The Kingdom Queen.

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Working against the clock, can Sir Baldwin and Simon hope to prevent a murder? As the threat of war hangs over England, Sir Baldwin and Bailiff Puttock must work desperately to prevent murder, in Michael Jecks' latest thrilling mystery in his hugely popular Knights Templar series. Perfect for fans of C.J. Sansom and Susanna Gregory. 'Each page is densely packed with cuckolding, coarseness, lewdness, lechery, gore galore, but also with nobility. A heady mix!' - North Devon Journal 1326: King Edward II's estranged wife Queen Isabella shames him by refusing to return from France to England. When the king hears she has betrothed their son to the daughter of the French Count of Hainault, all England fears invasion by a Hainault army. The King's knights, including Sir Baldwin de Furnhill, are commanded to London to protect the realm. Meanwhile Bishop Stapledon, the Treasurer of England, is under severe threat - but from whom? He has made many enemies in his long political life, and Sir Baldwin and his friend, Simon Puttock, must do all they can to find the would-be assassin before he can strike... What readers are saying about The Bishop Must Die: 'The characters are richly drawn and weave in and out of the events of the early 14th century, with Michael Jecks showing great knowledge of the times' 'Jecks always brings his chosen era to life' 'Another masterpiece from one of my favourite authors'

A gang of ruthless pirates and the prospect of civil war threaten medieval Britain... Sir Baldwin de Furnhill and Bailiff Simon Puttock, Michael Jeck's savvy sleuths, are on the case again in The Death Ship of Dartmouth, another compelling, well-crafted tale in the Knights Templar series. Perfect for fans of Ellis Peters and Bernard Cornwell. Autumn, 1324: when a man is found dead in the middle of a Dartmouth road, many assume his demise to be the result of a drunken accident. Meanwhile, a ship is found ravaged by pirates out at sea, the crew killed or captured. Could this be the beginning of a new onslaught, or something even more sinister? Sir Baldwin de Furnhill has been told of spies and messengers being sent to the great traitor Roger Mortimer in France. If this is true, then civil war in England is surely imminent. Together with his friend, Simon Puttock, Baldwin is tasked by the most powerful men in the Kingdom with uncovering the truth. Fail, and they will be executed. Succeed, and others may be ready to silence them for ever. What readers are saying about The Death Ship of Dartmouth: 'Michael's books are full of intrigue and mystery and they are particularly well researched' 'Michael Jecks has got to be my number one author... I just can't get enough of his books. If you like a medieval whodunnit this is the writer for you' 'One of the finest entries in a consistently outstanding series - five stars'

Accused of a crime he didn't commit, will Sir Baldwin be able to clear his name? Bloody revenge on the streets of Paris threaten Sir Baldwin de Furnhill's royal mission in The Templar, the Queen and Her Lover, the twenty-fourth novel in Michael Jecks' brilliant medieval crime series. Perfect for fans of Bernard Cornwell and Paul Doherty. 'A gem of historical storytelling' - Northern Echo Queen Isabella, wife to Edward II of England, has been dispatched to France in an attempt to bring about peace between the two countries, and Sir Baldwin de Furnhill must accompany her with his friend Simon Puttock. But the day after their arrival, a servant is found murdered, with Baldwin's dagger lying next to the body. As Baldwin struggles to prove his innocence, the killer strikes again. With so many English enemies gathering in Paris, will he be able to expose the culprit in time to protect the diplomats and their mission? What readers are saying about The Templar, the Queen and Her Lover: 'A superbly written book, with a diverse and fascinating cast of characters, mixing historical fact with the author's creations - and they blend beautifully...You can almost smell the damp and decay of the dungeon walls of Chateau Gailliard' 'Pacey read which pulls the threads of other stories together and ties them nicely up. 10/10' 'A pacey tale, with all the glorious details of early 14th century life set out with such loving knowledge, it was a pleasure to read, as ever. Everything ties up well and credibly, and there's always room for a few surprises and twists at the end. Quality!'

When Queen Isabella is dispatched to France to negotiate peace with the French King, Sir Baldwin de Furnhill travels with her to ensure her safety. But murder, betrayal, adultery and cold, calculating evil are their companions.

Follow the young, aristocratic Lord Roland of Champagne as the youth is outcast and disowned from his noble family because of his less-than-virtuous and often unholy conduct. Young Squire Roland's many tribulations are eased by an unlikely cast of characters: his fellow squire, the bold Aaron, an imaginative, street-smart young thief from Paris who becomes his most trusted friend and fellow hooligan; Roland's first love, Lady Marie of Baux; and his mentors Richard the Lionheart, Roland's young warrior uncle, whom he idolizes; Jacob, the Jewish doctor and Templar spy who's ahead of his time medically; Mesnil, the brave and stoic Templar knight who holds many secrets from the highest religious powers; and Martin, the Templar sergeant who is sometimes wayward, is always ready for action, and holds more secrets than all the others. Be there when Roland and his companions meet head-on with danger and adventure along his path. The Chagnon brother-and-sister team are self-admitted Francophiles, with a family history going back to Clovis' court. It seemed natural with this pedigree that Chip, the soldier, historian, and world traveler would team up with Judith, the professionally trained journalist and experienced writer, to pen a novel based in French and Templar history. Chip's love of all things medieval made this historical novel-writing team inevitable. Adding to the passion was Chip's 35-year US Army career with training and experience that provided him with a soldier's insight into assessing Templar character at all levels. Judith returned to college in her late twenties, when the "late-blooming" journalism graduate of Suffolk University began her career writing for the Eagle-Tribune newspaper in Massachusetts. This combined powerful Chagnon family insight has framed day to-day Templar life from the inside out and tells the story in a very believable way.

The threat of war looms over England 1326. In an England riven with conflict, knight and peasant alike find their lives turned upside down by the warring factions of Edward II with his hated favourite, Hugh le Despenser, and Edward's estranged queen Isabella and her lover, Sir Roger Mortimer. Yet even in such times the brutal slaughter of an entire family still has the power to shock. Three further murders follow, and bailiff Simon Puttock is drawn into a web of intrigue, vengeance, power and greed as Roger Mortimer charges him to investigate the killings. The twenty-ninth instalment in the gripping Last Templar Mysteries series, perfect for fans of C. J. Sansom and Susanna Gregory. Praise for Michael Jecks 'Michael Jecks is a national treasure' Scotland on Sunday 'Marvellously portrayed' C. J. Sansom

The Holy Land, 1291. A war has been raging across these lands for decades. The forces of the Crusaders have been pushed back again and again by the Muslims and now just one city remains in Crusader control. That one city stands between the past and the future. One city which must be defended at all costs. That city is Acre. And into this battle where men will fight to the death to defend their city comes a young boy. Green and scared, he has never seen battle before. But he is on the run from a dark past and he has no choice but to stay. And to stay means to fight. That boy is Baldwin de Furnhill. This is the story of the siege of Acre, and of the moment Baldwin first charged into battle. This is just the beginning. The rest is history.

Book XIII of the Vampire Queen Series (While this title can stand alone, some familiarity with the Vampire Queen world will enhance

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enjoyment.) Lord Uthe, a member of the Vampire Council, was a Templar Knight centuries ago. Even up to the present day, he has attempted to honor the spirit of the Rule, despite the volatile and highly sexual nature of the vampire world. Yet now he's caught the attention of the Fae Lord Keldwyn, liaison between the Council and Fae Court. Keldwyn challenges Uthe's emotional isolation and dominant nature. When a quest from Uthe's past requires Keldwyn's help to protect both their worlds, Uthe will have to decide whether the Fae male is a gift from God to be cherished and trusted, or a curse that will make Uthe fail the Order he promised to serve all his life.

The medieval historian who revealed The Real History Behind the Da Vinci Code uncloaks the Templars. In the year 1119, these noblemen found their calling as protectors of the faithful on a dangerous pilgrimage to newly conquered Jerusalem. Now, historian Sharan Newman elucidates the mysteries and misconceptions of the Templars, from their true first founding and role in the Crusades to more modern intrigues, including: - Were they devout knights or secret heretics? - Did they leave behind a fantastic treasure-hidden to this day? - How did they come to be associated with the Holy Grail? - Did they come to America before the time of Columbus? - Does the order still exist?

In an age of corruption, what will Sir Baldwin and Simon discover in their search for the truth? Sir Baldwin de Furnhill and Simon Puttock must risk their own lives to protect the Queen of England in Michael Jecks' cleverly plotted twenty-third medieval mystery, Dispensation of Death. Perfect for fans of C.J. Sansom and Susanna Gregory. 'Memorable characters, steadily absorbing period background... a commendable achievement' - Kirkus Reviews 1325: England is a hotbed of paranoia under the reign of the increasingly unpredictable Edward II and his lover, Sir Hugh le Despenser. When the Queen's lady-in-waiting is slaughtered and a man's body, hideously mutilated, is discovered behind the throne, King Edward demands to be avenged. Sir Baldwin de Furnhill is appointed to track down the killer, aided by his friend, Simon Puttock. But in an age of corruption, the knight and bailiff must fight to stay alive. And Baldwin and Simon soon learn that while their failure to find the murderer will carry its own peril, uncovering the truth may also be fatal. What readers are saying about Dispensation of Death: 'A colourful and detailed book which transports you back to the middle ages as though they were yesterday' 'Always fascinating; the descriptions of the historical characters is a true handbook of medieval history' 'Thrilling, on the edge of your seat stuff. Hard to put the book down'

James Becker, New York Times bestselling author of The Templar Archive, returns with a breakneck thriller whisking readers into the shadowy secret chambers of the Knights Templar. Having barely escaping the crosshairs of a deadly cult, Robin Jessop and David Mallory crisscross Europe, seeking to unlock the truth behind a conspiracy unresolved for seven hundred years—the mystery of what has given the enigmatic Templars their unwavering power. Infiltrating the group's vast archives, Jessop and Mallory make a startling find. An ancient Templar passport hints at a sacred mission: the transportation of a priceless treasure, an artifact of incomprehensible value. Delving through centuries of clues and deception, the two come face-to-face with a secret that could shake Christendom to its core—and cost their own lives along the way.

To honor his oath, he'll offer a Fae lord his soul... Lord Uthe, a member of the Vampire Council, was a Templar Knight centuries ago. Even up to the present day, he has attempted to honor the spirit of the Rule, despite the volatile and highly sexual nature of the vampire world. Yet now he's caught the attention of the Fae Lord Keldwyn, liaison between the Council and Fae Court. Keldwyn challenges Uthe's emotional isolation and dominant nature. When a quest from Uthe's past requires Keldwyn's help to protect both their worlds, Uthe will have to decide whether the Fae male is a gift from God to be cherished and trusted, or a curse that will make Uthe fail the Order he promised to serve all his life.

Why do the powerful medieval Knights Templar, the famed warriors of the Crusades, still intrigue many today? A secret society long shrouded in mystery, the Templars were believed to conduct mystical rituals, to guard the Holy Grail, and to possess the priceless treasures of the Temple of Jerusalem. Did they bring their treasure to North America, as some legends say? This definitive work about the Templars and their presumed hidden knowledge addresses many such fascinating questions, with rare photos from the Rosslyn Chapel Museum (Scotland) included.

"This is the original Game of Thrones." George R.R. Martin.

In 1099, the city of Jerusalem, a possession of the Islamic Caliphate for over four-hundred years, fell to an army of European knights intent on restoring the Cross to the Holy Lands. From the ranks of these holy warriors emerged an order of monks trained in both scripture and the military arts, an order that would protect and administer Christendom's prized conquest for almost a century: the Knights of the Temple of Solomon, or the Templars. In this articulate and engaging history, Piers Paul Read explores the rise, the catastrophic fall, and the far-reaching legacy of these knights who took, and briefly held, the most bitterly contested citadel in the monotheistic West. Drawing on the most recent scholarship, and writing with authority and candor, Read chronicles the history of the blood-splattered monks who still infiltrate modernity in literature, as the inspiration for secret societies, and in the backyard fantasies of any child with access to a stick and a garbage can lid. More than armed holy men, the Templars also represented the first uniformed standing army in the Western world. Sustaining their military order required vast sums of money, and, to that end, a powerful multinational corporation formed. The prosperity that European financiers enjoyed, from the efficient management of Levantine possessions and from pioneering developments in the field of international banking, would help jump-start Europe's long-slumbering Dark Age economy. In 1307, the French king, Philip IV, expropriated Templar lands, unleashing a wave of repression that would crest five years later. After Templar leaders broke down and confessed, under torture, to blasphemy, heresy, and sodomy, Pope Clement V suppressed the Order in 1312. Was it guilty as charged? And what relevance has the story to our own times? In this remarkable history, Piers Paul Read explores the Crusades and the individual biographies of the many colorful characters that fought them.

Spring 1148—Mediterranean Coast Mamille of Rou, alias Rose, is one of three elite female bodyguards remaining to protect Queen Eleanor of France. The unusual guard began the holy pilgrimage from France to seize the important city of Edessa from infidels. Along the way, Mamille has been unable to quell her attraction to the strong and handsome Dominus Brochard, a Knight Templar who has travelled with Eleanor's guard since the very beginning. But unbeknownst to Mamille, Dominus has been working undercover on behalf of the bishop of Clairvaux, ensuring Eleanor's husband,

King Louis, is protected from certain political advisors with nefarious aims. Mamilie thinks Dominus is way too virile to be chaste, though she honors his decision. Dominus thinks she is way too beautiful to sleep alone, and his frustration lies in being unable to claim her for himself. Instead, he watches over her from afar and takes his jealousy out on the enemy Turks. But there is someone else watching both of them. Someone with enough power and influence to tear the king and queen apart and wrest Mamilie and Dominus away from each other forever.

Much has been written about the group of 14th-century warrior monks known as the Knights Templar. Some authors, such as Dan Brown in *The Da Vinci Code*, portray them as folk heroes wrongly accused. Others disagree, saying the Templar story is ultimately one of greed, deception, and idolatry. Just who were the Knights Templar? And what is their legacy? In *The Templar Papers*, author and historian Oddvar Olsen has assembled a veritable Who's Who of experts to unravel the mystery. Instead of rehashing previous scholarship, this book delves into new aspects of Templar lore, such as the origins of the order and its supposed survival after 1314. It attempts to answer the following: Were the Templars devil worshippers who venerated a mysterious head? Was the head that of John the Baptist? What exactly did they find in Solomon's Temple? Did they keep, and later hide, the Holy Grail and the Ark of the Covenant? You'll also discover the Templar link to Mary Magdalene and the Freemasons, including answers to questions such as: Were Jesus and Mary lovers or, in fact, husband and wife? Did Mary give birth to a child after Jesus' death? Did Freemasonry originate from the Templars? *The Templar Papers* offers the inquisitive reader several lifetimes of research and insight. This is a distinctive and truly unique compilation that will stimulate your mind and settle the controversy.

In this second book of *The Jumper Chronicles*, twelve-year-old Charlie and his mates discover an ancient compass that stubbornly refuses to point north. Instead, it steers them down a treacherous tunnel, each step taking them deeper into a world of dog-eating trolls, cross-dressing gods, and motorcycle-riding dwarves. As a cloak of darkness threatens to envelop the fellowship, Charlie loses his best friend, discovers true love, and is embraced by unexpected allies who guide him to a long-forgotten treasure that will change the world forever.

A Reverse Harem Vampire Romance *The Triune's* attention is a deadly thing to attract. The world's oldest and most powerful vampire queens devise a plan to ensure the fledgling Isador queen is eliminated before she can call enough Blood to protect her. But Shara has already drawn formidable and famously powerful Blood to her side: Leviathan, king of the depths. Guillaume de Payne, the headless Templar knight. Wu Tien Xin, the silent invisible assassin. Nevarre, the Morrigan's own Shadow. And of course, her first two Blood, Alrik and Daire, inexperienced-but extremely powerful in their own right. Though well fed on queen's blood and well loved, six Blood are not enough to stand against the mighty Triune. Shara needs more. She needs more Blood. She needs allies. What she really needs is a queen of her own. Billie Templar desperately wants her dad to come home. He's a soldier and has been away for seven weeks, fighting for 'Queen and country' - but how can the two of them possibly defend their four-year record of winning the three-legged race at the school carnival if he's thousands of miles away? Then, when one of the other soldiers in Dad's regiment is seriously hurt, the stakes get even higher. Billie needs her dad home, sharpish. There's only one person who can help - Her Majesty. She's in charge of the army, right? She can send Dad home! Billie tries to get inside Buckingham Palace to sort it out, but it's not that easy. So, with the help of shy Sarah and allergy-prone Jake, the school brass band and a motley team of enthusiastic old-age pensioners, Billie hatches a fool-proof plan to get the Queen to her little village instead... Both laugh-out-loud funny and utterly heart-wrenching, and featuring an unforgettable cast of sweet, crazy characters, Billie's journey will have you laughing and crying in equal measure.

"Dan Jones is an entertainer, but also a bona fide historian. Seldom does one find serious scholarship so easy to read." – *The Times*, Book of the Year A New York Times bestseller, this major new history of the knights Templar is "a fresh, muscular and compelling history of the ultimate military-religious crusading order, combining sensible scholarship with narrative swagger" – Simon Sebag Montefiore, author of *Jerusalem* A faltering war in the middle east. A band of elite warriors determined to fight to the death to protect Christianity's holiest sites. A global financial network unaccountable to any government. A sinister plot founded on a web of lies. Jerusalem 1119. A small group of knights seeking a purpose in the violent aftermath of the First Crusade decides to set up a new order. These are the first Knights Templar, a band of elite warriors prepared to give their lives to protect Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land. Over the next two hundred years, the Templars would become the most powerful religious order of the medieval world. Their legend has inspired fervent speculation ever since. In this groundbreaking narrative history, Dan Jones tells the true story of the Templars for the first time in a generation, drawing on extensive original sources to build a gripping account of these Christian holy warriors whose heroism and alleged depravity have been shrouded in myth. The Templars were protected by the pope and sworn to strict vows of celibacy. They fought the forces of Islam in hand-to-hand combat on the sun-baked hills where Jesus lived and died, finding their nemesis in Saladin, who vowed to drive all Christians from the lands of Islam. Experts at channeling money across borders, they established the medieval world's largest and most innovative banking network and waged private wars against anyone who threatened their interests. Then, as they faced setbacks at the hands of the ruthless Mamluk sultan Baybars and were forced to retreat to their stronghold in Cyprus, a vindictive and cash-strapped King of France set his sights on their fortune. His administrators quietly mounted a damning case against the Templars, built on deliberate lies and false testimony. On Friday October 13, 1307, hundreds of brothers were arrested, imprisoned and tortured, and the order was disbanded amid lurid accusations of sexual misconduct and heresy. They were tried by the Pope in secret proceedings and their last master was brutally tortured and burned at the stake. But were they heretics or victims of a ruthlessly repressive state? Dan Jones goes back to the sources to bring their dramatic tale, so relevant to our own times, to life in a book that is at once authoritative and compulsively readable.

Baldwin and Simon uncover a deadly assassination plot in this fantastic novel in Michael Jecks' hugely popular medieval crime series. 1325: Sir Baldwin de Furnhill and his friend Simon Puttock are in France guarding King Edward's son on his perilous journey to meet the French king, Charles IV. But they are unaware that King Edward's wife Isabella is so disaffected that she has begun to plot her revenge. What at first appeared a simple diplomatic mission is in danger of becoming lethally dangerous...

A richly detailed, sometimes challenging work, Charles Addison's *The History of the Knights Templar* traces the rise and fall of this legendary religious-military organization. Addison was an official member of the Templar Inner Table when he composed his definitive study. This newly edited 2018 edition from *The Templar Press* updates some of Addison's more archaic wording into modern English.

As the Crusades take hold, one man's legacy is yet to be determined... Journey with Paul Doherty to 1095 and experience the founding of the Templar Order in all its epic and brutal detail in his gripping novel, *The Templar*. Perfect for fans of Michael Jecks and Robin Hobb. 1095, and crusading fervour has swept Europe. Christ's fief of Jerusalem has been seized by the Infidels. The Frankish Knights of the West are to march east to liberate the Holy City. Hugh de Payens and Godefroi of St Omer, the soon-to-be founders of the Templar Order, and Hugh's younger sister, Eleanor, leave the security of their homes in Burgundy, France, with a plan to join Count Raymond of Toulouse's army, and march across the known world to Jerusalem. Follow the crusaders as they march through Europe into the glories of Byzantium and onto Syria. Witness the hardships, bloodshed and trickery on their treacherous travels to the Holy Land and know that though the crusaders' journey, and this novel, will end with their entry into the Holy City, the Crusades have yet to begin in earnest. What readers are saying about

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the Templar series: 'A masterful work of history-based fiction' 'A fun book and a good bit of light escapism' 'A page turner'

Isabel I's reign in Castile responds to the ostensible needs expressed throughout the fifteenth-century for moral and political regeneration. Isabel is seen in many works as a just and wise monarch, as a redeemer of her people, and as a divine sovereign. This book reviews changes in the gendered construction of Isabelline sovereignty from the theoretical perspective of the *speculum principum* dedicated to her. It offers a Bourdieuan approach to the more literary *specula* texts used to legitimize and uphold Isabel's power.

"This is the original Game of Thrones." George R.R. Martin. A collection of the first three books in Maurice Druon's epic historical fiction series, *The Accursed Kings*.

As the year 1326 draws to a close, London is in flames. King Edward II is a prisoner, and the forces of his vengeful queen, Isabella, and her lover Sir Roger Mortimer, are in the ascendant. The Bardi family, bankers who have funded the King, must look to their future with the Queen, steering a careful course between rival factions – if, that is, they can keep themselves alive. Others, too, find their loyalties torn. Guarding the deposed King on behalf of Mortimer, Sir Baldwin de Furnhill and bailiff Simon Puttock find themselves entangled in a tightening net of conspiracy, greed, betrayal and murder.

In 1156, the sixth Grand Master of the Knights Templar brings a mysterious object from Jerusalem to his homeland in the South of France. "The Head of Wisdom," as the strange artifact is called, ensures that the Order achieves unprecedented wealth. But in October 1307, the French king fights against the Templars. All commanderies of the Templars are closed, all members arrested. Templar Commander Lieutenant Gero of Breydenbach is to flee to Germany with the "Head of Wisdom" to keep their secret. A truly fantastic journey begins. Suddenly he finds himself in 2004 - dependent on a fascinating young woman, who might help him to fulfill his mission ... Perfectly researched. Historically accurate. Based on a real Legend. "Mystery of the Templar" is an outstanding adventure!

Country or family... which will Sir Baldwin and Simon choose? When Simon's daughter becomes embroiled in the plans of a group of outlaws, he and Sir Baldwin take matters into their own hands in the thrilling twenty-seventh instalment of Michael Jecks' Knights Templar mysteries. Perfect for fans of George R. R. Martin and Bernard Cornwell. 'Boasts an exciting, twisting plot' - Publishers Weekly King Edward II is furious when he learns that his wife Queen Isabella has defied him by remaining in France with their son. As the unfortunate messengers of this news, Sir Baldwin de Furnhill and his friend, Bailiff Simon Puttock, are dismissed from court. Returning home to Devon, they are shocked to discover that outlaws now hold sway in the land. When two clerics are found murdered, Baldwin and Simon must investigate. But the culprit is a friend of Dispenser and the King, and in taking the matter further they could be accused of treason. So they decide to leave the affair to others. Until, that is, Simon's own daughter comes under threat, and all hell is let loose... What readers are saying about *No Law in the Land*: 'Top crime, top adventure, great characterisation' 'A thoroughly intriguing tale of menacing threats. It is another glorious story from Michael Jecks' 'Jecks weaves a marvellously plotted, plausible story in amongst historical fact'

Much has been written about the Knights Templar in recent years. A leading specialist in the history of this legendary medieval order now writes a full account of the Knights of the Order of the Temple of Solomon, to give them their full title, bringing the latest findings to a general audience. Putting many of the myths finally to rest, Nicholson recounts a new history of these storm troopers of the papacy, founded during the crusades but who got so rich and influential that they challenged the power of kings.

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