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内容概要

From the end of the Roman Empire the knight emerged to rule the battlefield for almost 1,000 years. Only in the early 1500s, with the development of firearms, did the knight cease to play such a central military role. But despite being extinct for around 500 years, the legacy of the knight survives to this day. The idea of chivalry, which was so central to the concept of knighthood, lives on; the honour of knighthood still exists in military orders; and the tradition of bravery and sacrifice are still held in high regard in the 21st century. In addition to the enduring principles of knighthood, we have also inherited a stunning architectural legacy from the knights of past centuries, with castles surviving in fields, villages and cities throughout Europe. With over 140 stunning, high-quality maps and illustrations The Historical Atlas of Knights and Castles brings the subject to life, revealing all aspects of knights and castles, mapping the spread of the Norman influence, the crusades and other important battles, the layout and location of major castles, and much more. The book examines the distinct legacy of the knight, focusing on knighthood in its military and romantic modes and looking at the concept of chivalry as an ideal but seldom-attained state. It also details the castle, explaining how and why they were they built. It looks at their construction and demonstrates how designs became more intricate over the centuries. Castle life is examined in detail, focusing on the social fabric and hierarchy, work, entertainment, food production and the castle town. The role of religion and monasticism in castles is also explored. Many of the major castles are visited and mapped, giving a real insight into the role they played in centuries gone by. The book begins by looking at the origins of knighthood in the defence of a Europe no longer protected by Rome. In particular, it focuses on The Carolingian Empire, which covered much of modern-day France and Germany, looking at the rise of feudalism and the crucial role played by knights in defending the empire against Magyar, Viking and Muslim invaders.

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