

The Templars by Dan Jones

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The shocking truth would prove the Templars innocent.

The Templars - short for the Poor Knighthood of Temple - were poor, but wealthy, setting up the financial institutions funding the never-ending crusades against the Muslim invaders of the Holy Land. They were also merciless against these enemies. They swore their allegiance to the Pope and his successors, not the kings or other nations.

The Templars were founded by Hugh of Payns in the humble beginning (1109). St Bernard of Clairvaux wrote the original rulebook telling the noblemen to abandon their possessions including their spouses and join the order. Their main job was to protect the pilgrims visiting Jerusalem against the bandits and cutthroats before the invaders arrived.

Saladin was the most famous Muslim warrior and invader of the Holy Land and sometimes merciful to his enemies despite being ruthless. The Muslims were not the only main enemies. Later came the infamous French king and the weak Pope.

This book is one of the best narrative histories about the Templars I have ever read! Loving this!

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