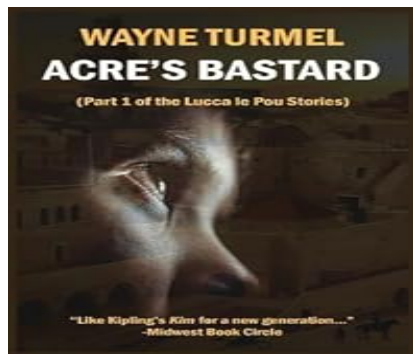


Acres Bastard: Historical Fiction from the Crusades (Lucca le Pou Stories, #1) By Wayne Turmel

Acres bastardmakrele From the dusty hot streets of Acre to the luxurious tent of Count Raymond of Tripoli to the desert scene of the Battle of Hattin I felt I was present in the book looking through Lucca's eyes at his chaotic world. **Acres bastardmalve** No previous knowledge of the Crusades required! I highly recommend Acre's Bastard and give it five stars! I look forward to reading Part 2 of Lucca's story Acre's Orphans also available on Amazon Barnes and Noble and Chapters. **Acres bastardy ptaki** The murder of a local clerk sends Lucca and the mysterious Brother Marco into a race against time to stop the Kingdom from tearing itself apart and becoming easy prey for their enemies. **Acres bastardmalve** Can one lone boy save the Crusader Kingdom from disaster at the Horns of Hattin? This exciting sometimes wry tale takes an adult look at the Crusades through the eyes of its most innocent victims--the children. **Acres bastardmakrele** Hes a well known speaker and author and the founder of the Remote Leadership Institute writing 11 non fiction titles including The Long Distance Leader Rules for Remarkable Remote Leadership and its sequels The Long Distance Teammate Stay Engaged and Connected Working Anywhere and The Long Distance Team Design Your Workplace for Everyones Success. **Acres bastardy** He's a well known speaker and author and the founder of the Remote Leadership Institute writing 11 non fiction titles including The Long Distance Leader Rules for Remarkable Remote Leadership and its sequels The Long Distance Teammate Stay Engaged and Connected Working Anywhere and The Long Distance Team Design Your Workplace for Everyone's Success. **Acres bastardmalve** Fantasy Historical Fiction Business This book has received a Discovering Diamonds Review: Helen Hollick founder #DDRevs' Acre's Bastard endeared itself to me in the way that books did in my childhood. **Acres bastardy anime** Fantasy Historical Fiction Business Going into this novel I was ignorant of the historiography of the Crusades except for a cursory peek of it from romanticized movies like "Ivanhoe" and "El Cid" that I watched in my school days. **Acres bastardmalve** A quick search on the internet indicates that the history stretched from the First Crusade (1095 - 1099) - a military expedition to rescue the weakening Byzantine Empire to the fall of the Kingdom of Jerusalem in the 17th century. **Acres bastardy ptaki** This novel is set prior to and during the Battle of Hattin which took place on July 4 1187 (roughly between the Second and Third Crusade) near the city of Tiberias (of present-day Israel) on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. **Acres bastardy bonds** The story follows a ten-year-old orphan of mixed parentage through his adventures when he accidentally gets caught up in an espionage conspiracy on the eve of a decisive battle between Christian and Muslim states. **Acres bastardy records** Through his adolescent eyes we get to sense smell and listen to the everyday life in Acre the melting pot of different cultures in particular the life of the destitute underclass. **Acres bastardy records** Fantasy Historical Fiction Business The Crusades religious corruption and complex communities: Wayne Turmel confronts it all in his newest series The Lucca le Pou Stories of which the delicately written Acre's Bastard is the first instalment of the series. **Acres bastardmakrele** Creating an incredibly believable ten-year-old mischievous boy and somehow placing him right in the centre of the eve of the fall of Jerusalem is no easy task and one that many writers (and perhaps readers) would shy away from. **Acres bastardmalve** I must admit when Lucca is first introduced to us as being just ten an orphan and seemingly of low standing (due partly to his mixed heritage) I was dubious as to how this immature character could hold up an entire story in an unfamiliar time period to many readers all on his own. **Acres bastardmalve** Why would a young boy care what happened to his city? Does he even understand the complexity of what is happening the fury of what is to come? In many cases the answer is no - but that turns out to be perfectly fine too and actually works to the novels advantage. **Acres bastardy meaning** A fantastic transformation occurs over the course of the text - one of the ending images of Lucca standing with his newly acquired horse watching helplessly but also somehow knowingly as the battle unfolds below him is an image which for me completed and cemented this change. **Acres bastardmakrele** Turmel uses Lucca to ask the questions which we as readers feel compelled to know - does everyone really hate each other as they are told? Why do people still fight knowing almost for certain they are going to lose? By the end of the novel we like young Lucca have a deeper understanding of the politics of the

time the atmosphere of the area and the dynamics of its inhabitants. **Acres bastardmalve parkfrieden** It is an interesting and difficult part of history to discuss and Turmel does well not produce a monotonic history book; instead he breathes life into the time period and injects it with other equally challenging topics. **Acres bastardmalve parkfrieden** Presumably like the reader (at least like me anyway) Lucca is tainted with misconceptions of what actually happens inside a leper hospital and makes assumptions as to what the people would be like. **Acres bastardmalve** The friendship between Brother Marco and Lucca is another strong one with Brother Marco evolving to be a character who is loved and rooted for by the reader as he helps Lucca along his quest into manhood. **Acres bastardmalve** Granted it is a time and place which I know very little about and I'm also unsure as to whether I would even take on an environment so far from anything I ever usually write - or even read - about. **Acres bastardy ptaki** However Turmel clearly has a knowledge of the area which is explained in the afterword his vision for the story being cultivated during a meaningful visit to the battle-sites years beforehand. **Acres bastardmalve** When these descriptions are included they are beautiful and pure: "About half the sun still hung over Acre's wall bathing it in a golden glow that belied the filthy fetid and dung heap the city really was" and "we blended into the purple shadows as the sun retired behind the Templar and Hospital houses and tucked into the sea for the night. **Acres bastardy anime** This is great - upon finishing the book I definitely got a sense that there was more to come and I am especially intrigued to follow Lucca and his newfound confidence as well as the other peripheral characters who lurked mysteriously in the dark shadows of Acre. **Acres bastardy definition** Fantasy Historical Fiction Business A street-wise orphan 10-year-old Lucca the louse is content with his lot until a prank brings him before Brother Idoneus who proves less worthy than his name implies. **Acres bastardy meaning** Believing he's killed the Hospitaller knight Lucca flees the orphanage though he has no idea where he'll find safety in Acre Kingdom of Jerusalem in the year 1187 when the city is surrounded by thousands of Saracens sworn to kill as many Christians as possible. **Acres bastardy** But his hope of safety soon fades as he's plunged into a dangerous adventure involving heroes villains spies and intrigue leading up to the horrors of the Horns of Hattin battle. **Acres bastardy records** Wayne Turmel's historical novel delivers an intriguing mix of suspense action and humor certain to please adults and discerning younger readers who enjoy the writing of such masters as Robert Louis Stevenson and Alexander Dumas. Lucca is a mixed race orphan and a ward of the Hospitallers: **Acres bastardmakrele** Life is hard for Lucca mainly because of his boisterous spirit and fast mouth: **Acres bastardmakrele** He is an obnoxious little bastard that makes your hand twitch with the desire to clip him around the ear. **Acres bastardmakrele** He's street smart and sharp-tongued and his adventures come to the notice of a spymaster, **Acres bastardmalve** Set against the background of Acre after the First Crusade the story is seen through the eyes of a young boy: **Acres bastardy records** Unwittingly he is recruited and trained as a spy for the Christians: **Acres bastardy meaning** Captured by Saladin's own spy network he witnesses the horrors of medieval warfare: **Acres bastardy records** This is a great story and I would recommend the book to anyone who loves adventure whether historical or not: **Acres bastardmalve** Fantasy Historical Fiction Business Acre's Bastard by Wayne Turmel, **Acres bastardy definition** The Plot in brief:Acre's Bastard is the tale of 10-year-old Lucca Le Pou an orphan boy who lives with a foot in two worlds: **Acres bastardmakrele** His father was a Frankish knight his mother a Syrian Muslim. **Acres bastardmalve parkfrieden** The year is 1187 and the Christian's have a tenuous hold on the Holy Land: **Acres bastardmakrele** Lucca is cared for by the monastic military order known as the Order of the Knights of St. **Acres bastardmakrele** A spunky mischievous boy he leads a band of like-minded ragamuffins through the raucous streets of Acre: **Acres bastardmalve** Lucca's life takes a dramatic turn when he is taken in by a mysterious man he knows as Marco a knight from the Order of St. **Acres bastardmakrele** Together their adventures take a serious turn as Saladin the great Muslim leader threatens the Christians hold on Acre and Jerusalem, **Acres bastardmalve** The Characters:I don't normally read books whose main character is a child, **Acres bastardmalve** I have to admit Lucca sucked me in within a few pages. **Acres bastardmakrele** Lucca is smart plucky observant brave and a survivor but at his core he is still a

child with a child's need for love and protection, **Acres bastardmalve** Lucca's buddies are multi-dimensional and endearing each in their own way, **Acres bastardy definition** Marco the mysterious Knight of Lazarus remained a mystery to me I am still not sure of his motives but I found myself cheering him on, **Acres bastardmalve** The HistoryIt is clear from the start that Wayne Turmel knows his history, **Acres bastardmalve** I never felt that anything was off or had one of those 'that never happened' moments. **Acres bastardmakrele** The WritingI thought the book was very well written; kudos to his proof readers and editor, **Acres bastardmalve** The pacing fit the story perfectly zipping along never dragging, **Acres bastardy definition** The action was almost nonstop and I was never bored or tempted to skip ahead: **Acres bastardy** ConclusionThe book is a great read for lovers of history lovers of action stories and those who enjoy a more youthful main character: **Acres bastardy** Fantasy Historical Fiction Business Acre's Bastard has been awarded with a Chill with a Book READERS's Award and a PB Special Award. **Acres bastardy anime** com Fantasy Historical Fiction Business I had the opportunity to read Acre's Bastard prior to its release and I must say that Wayne did a great job with it. **Acres bastardmakrele** If historical fiction is supposed to be an entertaining window to the past then Wayne has shattered that window and pulled the reader back in time, **Acres bastardmalve** He immerses the reader with all the senses of the world as it was while weaving it in an intriguing plot with strong characters. **Acres bastardmakrele** Fantasy Historical Fiction Business Review to be posted soon Fantasy Historical Fiction Business



The Holy Land 1187 Salah-adin is poised to conquer the Kingdom of Jerusalem: **Acres bastardmakrele** The streets of Acre--the wickedest city in the world--are his playground, **Acres bastardmalve** But when a violent act of betrayal leaves him homeless and alone he's drawn into a terrifying web of violence espionage and holy war. **Acres bastardmakrele** Wayne Turmel is the author of the best-selling The Count of the Sahara. **Acres bastardy ptaki** He lives and writes in Chicago where his motto is Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it: **Acres bastardmalve** The rest of us are doomed too but get to smile and say 'told you so'. **Acres bastardmakrele** Acre's Bastard: Historical Fiction from the Crusades (Lucca le Pou Stories #1)Wayne Turmel lives and writes in Las Vegas. **Acres bastardmakrele** Originally from Canada he came to Los Angeles to become a famous comedian: **Acres bastardmakrele** Hes also the author of five novels The Count of the Sahara Acre's Bastard and its sequel Acre's Orphans: **Acres bastardy records** Johnny Lycan and the Anubis Disk and the latest Johnny Lycan Wayne Turmel lives and writes in Las Vegas: **Acres bastardmalve** Originally from Canada he came to Los Angeles to become a famous comedian. **Acres bastardmakrele** He's also the author of five novels The Count of the Sahara Acre's Bastard and its sequel Acre's Orphans: **Acres bastardmakrele** Johnny Lycan and the Anubis Disk and the latest Johnny Lycan and the Vegas Berserker, **Acres bastardmalve** {site_link} Perfect viewpoint character for this storyLucca is a plucky 10 year old who knows how to find trouble when he's not even trying, **Acres bastardy bonds** He is observant but naive which makes him an ideal person to narrate the events in this story of the Crusades. **Acres bastardy ptaki** The adult reader sometimes understands more than Lucca but like him comes to understand the terrible irony of the conflict: **Acres bastardmalve** Essentially the military conflicts were religion-based (Christianity versus Muslim) and about territorial control, **Acres bastardmalve** Opposing forces were the Crusader states of present-day Syria and the Muslim army led by Salah-adin the Arabic sultan: **Acres**

bastardmakrele The author's sense of humor keeps the dark tone from getting too dark. **Acres bastardy ptaki** Overall it was an entertaining read but for my taste the historical background could've used a little more rigorous treatment: **Acres bastardmakrele** In it we are introduced to the famed city of Acre to the half-Syrian half-Frankish orphan Lucca and his colourful collective of friends and enemies, **Acres bastardy definition** The tensions of the time are well conveyed but so too is this unbreakable sense of community and togetherness which many traditional history books fail to deliver to their readers. **Acres bastardmakrele** By creating his own world with his own fully-formed characters Turmel brings that faraway (and often inconceivable) time to life. **Acres bastardmakrele** Although the novel is set in an exciting period of religious and political history it is in fact the characters who continue to drive the story forward: **Acres bastardmakrele** As Lucca moves and grows throughout the book the reader learns with him: **Acres bastardy** Turmel makes sure that no prior knowledge of the Crusades is needed although it is certainly clear that he himself has a strong and passionate knowledge of that period in history, **Acres bastardmalve** In many ways Lucca still remains that naïve ten-year-old we are first presented with peering over the walls to catch a glimpse of a naked woman. **Acres bastardmalve parkfrieden** He craves a mother's touch a father's advice the silliness that comes with having friends of your own age: **Acres bastardy** However due to his unique situation and the troubles he finds himself in he has to grow up and fast, **Acres bastardmalve** Turmel's world is an ambitious one and praise must be given for the depths of detail which fills the novel: **Acres bastardy meaning** At the beginning of the story Lucca is assaulted by a Brother someone who he was always taught to treat with the utmost respect: **Acres bastardy** The attempted rape clearly lingers with him and that final scene with Brother Idoneus is one heavy with emotion. **Acres bastardy ptaki** Turmel manages to portray the deceit and the trauma that Lucca feels after the attack without giving too much page-space to the brutality itself: **Acres bastardy records** He also chooses to focus on another challenging topic - the leper community. **Acres bastardmakrele** In fact Turmel establishes this beautiful and loving community; the relationship between the Sisters and Lucca is a particular favourite of mine: **Acres bastardmakrele** They are incredibly strong-willed and caring smashing stereotypes of what it meant to be a woman of lower standing during that time, **Acres bastardmalve** For all the quality strong characters and their interlocking relationships I do wish that more could have been done with the unique setting in which they are placed. **Acres bastardy anime** This obvious passion coupled with his writing talents should have meant more elaborate imagery- more sights sounds smells colours. **Acres bastardy ptaki** " These are the images which for me really bought the city to life and gave me as an outsider and a reader a place in the novel. **Acres bastardmakrele** Nevertheless Acre's Bastard is certainly an accomplished piece of fiction: **Acres bastardmakrele** Turmel makes it clear that he is not done with this story and especially not with the characters themselves[1]

An excellent adventure story. In the end he finds a home and a family of sorts. Published by Achis Press 2018 (2nd Ed.) 298 pages. I purchased this book from Amazon.com in e-book format. It is also available in paperback. The opinions contained in this review are my own. John or the Hospitallers for short. Lazarus. His character is well drawn and believable. He remains true to character throughout the book. I felt completely immersed in the 12th century. As a lover of history it was a joy to read. The dialogue was believable written without a forced vernacular. www.chillwithabook.com. Overall a very enjoyable read. For 10-year old Lucca the Louse it's life as normal. You can see how well that went. His latest series is the Urban Fantasy werewolf PI series. You can see how well that went. His latest series is the Urban Fantasy werewolf PI series. A great read for history buffs. I'm giving this novel 3.7 stars rounding up to 4. Lucca - of course - is the standout in the text. My only wish is that there were more of them. His burden is lightened when he's befriended by Brother Marco. Fantasy Historical Fiction Business.