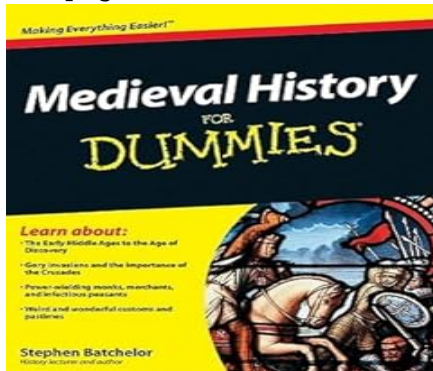


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It's basic but that's what I need I got bogged down in the Crusades I hear there was a lot of that back then and started skimming until I got to British stuff I wish he had gone so quickly from the beginning of Henry VI to the Renaissance skipping the whole Lancaster vs York drama On the other hand that's what I'm familiar with 388 pages Provides a good if very condensed survey of the years 600 1600 or less A good intro to the time period but it left me wanting Sometimes it is annoying that the author keeps reminding the reader that you can learn about X on page xx or we will discuss topic Y later or he explained topic Z earlier But it provided some good background info as a starting point for further research 388 pages I got this as a gag graduation gift and thought that it was going to suck but I was wrong It was highly informative without being too dense or chock full of jargon It introduced all the major factors/people of the Middle Ages seamlessly and explained how things tied in together As a history major one that is specializing in the Middle Ages I strongly recommend the book for those interested in the period 388 pages Does reading a book from the Dummies series make you a dummy? Does it make you any less dummy? Or ? I debated with myself if it was a suitable book to acquaint myself with what the book title declares with a grandiloquent all inclusive title of Medieval History For Dummies Does the fact that the book only covers European medieval history prove the book itself is kind of dummy? Within the broad timeline of what is called the Medieval Ages I am I should think reasonably well covered in the history of South Asia Middle East and to some humble extent North Africa; but my understanding of East Asian history and that of Europe is abysmal excepting Crusades which unfortunately are perceived to play a catalytic role in some modern conflicts So when I came across this book accidentally I might add I checked chapter titles and skim read a couple selectively I liked it I was almost thrown off by the spurious introduction which is uite telling in that European academia has long trivialised that fascinating period of history with the excuse that not much was happening at home in Europe at that time Recent scholarship has corrected this view because the fact that Europe wasn't the centre of world attention did not mean nothing important was happening Nevertheless old attitudes still linger on as evinced in the following uote The author writes I haven't always been interested in the Middle Ages My main interest used to be the Ancient World of Greece and Rome and the Middle Ages always seemed to me a bit like the clearing up after a particularly good party The period can be difficult to get your head around what with being in the middle rather than at the start or at the end The times

were certainly confusing too with bits of territory changing hands all the time and just as you get used to a king or a succession of kings they all die and somebody else takes over view spoilerClearing up after a particularly good party I'm definitely not an agelast but what a distasteful analogy for a period of history hide spoiler 388 pages I had no real background with the Middle Ages and this book helped me kickstart my newfound interest in the period It is divided into very clear sections and never goes into great details but it manages to condense a 1000 year period into a succinct guide The writers tone is usually humorous but he also is somber when he needs to be The one complaint I have is that whenever he references something that was already covered in the book he puts a note that says something like You can read about THAT in chapter 12 even if we literally just read it the paragraph before It's kind of distracting and gets really annoying the 400th time around Other than that I recommend the book to anyone who knows next to nothing about medieval history and wants a wikipedia like introduction I now feel comfortable in reading something that is a bit in depth 388 pages Is your knowledge of The Crusades less than tip top? Maybe you're curious about Columbus or you're desperate to read about the Black Death in all its gory detail? Whatever your starting point this expert guide has it all from kings knights and anti Popes to invasion famine the Magna Carta and Joan of Arc and a few rebellious peasants thrown in for good measure Get ready for a rip roaring ride through the political religious and cultural life of the Middle Ages one of the most talked about periods in history Medieval History for Dummies includesPart I The Early Middle Ages Chapter 1 The Middle Ages When Where What Who? Chapter 2 The end of Rome and the not so 'Dark Ages' Chapter 3 Angles Saxons and Feudalism Chapter 4 The Carolingians grab their chance Chapter 5 Charlemagne A new empire is bornPart II The Making of Europe Chapter 6 The Holy Roman Empire Strikes Back Chapter 7 East Meets West Islam in the Western Mediterranean Chapter 8 The Vikings A threat from the north Chapter 9 Schism The Church splits itself in two Chapter 10 The Normans The 'real' Middle Ages beginPart III 'Holy War' Crusading at home and abroad Chapter 11 Crusade A call to arms Chapter 12 The First Crusade Chapter 13 England vs France Pope vs Emperor Chapter 14 The Second Crusade The 'Crusades at Home' Chapter 15 Richard vs Saladin The Third Crusade Chapter 16 The later Crusades and other failuresPart IV Parliament Priors Provisions Plague Chapter 17 John Henry Rudolf Edward Chapter 18 Monks Merchants The new power brokers Chapter 19 The Papacy on Tour Avignon and the Anti Popes Chapter 20 'God's Judgement?' The Black DeathPart V The End of the Middle and the start of discovery Chapter 21 One Hundred Years of War Chapter 22 The Peasants are Revolting Chapter 23 Agincourt Joan of Arc the French recovery Chapter 24 Columbus The New WorldPart VI The Part of Tens Chapter 25 Ten Rubbish Kings Chapter 26 Ten Curious Medieval Pastimes Chapter 27 Ten Great Castles Chapter 28 Ten People Who Changed The World Chapter 29 Ten Great Books To read next Medieval History for Dummies.

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