



The Everyday Life of the Templars

The Knights Templar at Home

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The home life of the Knights Templar, the famous warriors of the Middle Ages

- Previously unpublished descriptions of Templar properties in England and Wales, with details of their farms, tenants and employees
- Pictures, plans and maps of many Templar houses
- An insight into how the Templars lived in western Europe
- Assessable and insightful reading for historians and the casual reader

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The lives of the medieval Templars seem hidden and mysterious. Helen J. Nicholson reveals their everyday world set out in early 14th-century records. The records of the Templars' estates show us how they operated, the men and women who worked for them on their lands and houses, their tenants and the people who owed them money. We can see what animals they kept, from warhorses to plough animals, with cattle, pigs and flocks of sheep. The accounts record fields of grain or hay, meadow and woodland, mills and fishponds. Drawing on these records, along with archaeological evidence and the Templars' own regulations, Nicholson sets out to reconstruct how the Templars lived from day-to-day. *The Everyday Life of the Templars: The Knight Templars at Home* is a fascinating insight into the everyday lives of these pious men, who were not powerful nobles or great churchmen, yet held great influence in medieval Europe.

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