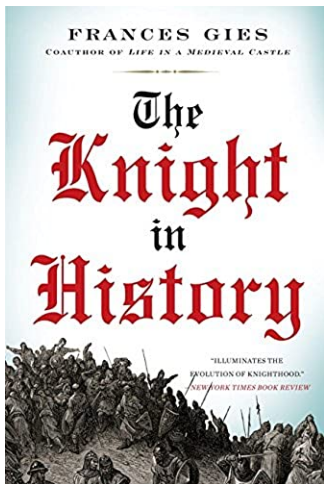


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The knight-errant heroes of the Arthur stories had historical counterparts whose adventures, if less fabulous, were genuine enough as they roamed Europe earning a living in tournament and battle. Those of William Marshal of England, who became the trusted counselor of kings, have been preserved in a valuable chronicle. The real entry of the knight into history was no such dramatic phenomenon, but a gradual coalescing of social and technological elements over a long period of time. Long though its germination took, the rise of knighthood was a medieval event, not a Roman continuation. Rome possessed its own class of "knights" (equites, horsemen), originally the cavalry wing of the Roman army and source of the army's officers. The Knight in History follows the rise and ultimate fall of the Knight in society, and by the end of this book, the reader is sure to have observed the fascinating arc of this figure which has come to embody such a careful role in the zeitgeist.

JUN 3, 2013 The Knight in History Reflection. Most every little boy knows the legend of Arthur. Fathers (or uncles, or grandpas) pass on the code of chivalry, or at least some modernized, stripped down form of the ancient gentleman's code. In America, where never a knight did stride, knighthood is little more than a romanticized dalliance with fantasy and history that pervades our cultural literature, both genre and otherwise. Heck, even our ideal future is governed by (Jedi) Knights. But how often

JUN 3, 2013 The Knight in History Reflection. Medieval knights were elite warriors and a decisive factor in medieval warfare. A battle was typically won by the army that had the most knights. Initially, knights could become only men who proved their military skills on the battlefield. Over time, the title of a knight became reserved for sons of knights who were almost always nobles. But the title of a knight wasn't inherited. Knightly training was a long process that started at the age of 8 and usually didn't complete until the age of 21. The knightly title was formally conferred with a stroke with the sword on neck or shoulder during a ceremony. In many ways, knights were the celebrities of the Middle Ages. Revered for their prowess on the battlefield and respected as leaders, the most famous knights became iconic figures who exemplified crucial medieval values like chivalry, heroism and valour. These were figures who inspired armies and rallied the masses, earning a place in popular folklore in the process. Head out nobly into whatever the day brings with our knitted knight helmet hats. They also have a built in visor face covering! Shop Now.

In this episode Dan visits Lincoln Castle to learn more about this fortification's fascinating history and its central role in Britain's national story. Watch Now. King Arthur. There's a very good chance you've heard of King Arthur, the legendary King of Camelot, and his Knights of the Round Table. The image of the knight holds a particular fascination in the modern imagination as the embodiment of the independent warrior, privileged member of society. I am doing Ulrich an injustice, for he was in fact an exemplary knight in the Western chivalric tradition. He started off as a nobody from impoverished minor nobility in an obscure part of Germany, rising from court page and squire in a respectable household to full knight with a landed estate. Through pluck and perseverance, as well as a strong sword-hand, he made his money and won his spurs at tournaments "a lot of them, which was an established method of social advancement for up-and-coming knights.