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## **Daily Life in Chaucer's England**

Roisin Cossar examines how clerics managed efforts to reform their domestic lives in the decades after the Black Death. Despite reformers' desire for clerics to remain celibate, clerical households resembled those of the laity, and priests' lives included apprenticeships in youth, fatherhood in middle age, and reliance on their families in old age.

## **Witches, Spies and Stockholm Syndrome**

## **Ritual, Images, and Daily Life**

Discusses daily life of Jews during the Middle Ages, examining such topics as education, marriage, synagogues, religious customs and observances, occupations, medicine, and literature.

## **Medieval Woman**

Life in the Medieval Cloister makes extensive use of primary sources and quotations from chronicles, letters, customaries and miracle stories, and the experience of medieval monastic life is presented through the monks' own words. Medievalist Julie Kerr provides day to day account of life in the medieval monastery from the Norman conquest to the Dissolution, with a particular focus on the high Middle

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ages, exploring such questions as:

- What effect did the ascetic lifestyle have on the monks' physical health and mental well-being?
- How difficult was it for newcomers to adapt to the rigors of the cloister?
- Did the monks suffer from anxiety and boredom; what caused them concern and how did they seek comfort?
- What did it really mean to live the solitary life within a communal environment and how significant were issues of loneliness and isolation?

Life in the Medieval Cloister makes an important contribution to our understanding of medieval monastic life by exploring key aspects that have been either inadequately addressed or overlooked by historians, but also offers an up close and personal perspective on a fascinating, but little known, corner of history.

### **Life in a Medieval Village**

Everyday Life in Medieval England captures the day-to-day experience of people in the middle ages - the houses and settlements in which they lived, the food they ate, their getting and spending - and their social relationships. The picture that emerges is of great variety, of constant change, of movement and of enterprise. Many people were downtrodden and miserably poor, but they struggled against their circumstances, resisting oppressive authorities, to build their own way of life and to improve their material conditions. The ordinary men and women of the middle ages appear throughout. Everyday life in Medieval England is an outstanding contribution to both national and local history.

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## **Daily Life in the Medieval Islamic World**

The perfect almanac for lovers of all things medieval

## **Lost Letters of Medieval Life**

First Published in 1993. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

## **A Day in a Medieval City**

The Oxford Handbook of Women and Gender in Medieval Europe provides a comprehensive overview of the gender rules encountered in Europe in the period between approximately 500 and 1500 C.E. The essays collected in this volume speak to interpretative challenges common to all fields of women's and gender history - that is, how best to uncover the experiences of ordinary people from archives formed mainly by and about elite males, and how to combine social histories of lived experiences with cultural histories of gendered discourses and identities. The collection focuses on Western Europe in the Middle Ages but offers some consideration of medieval Islam and Byzantium. The Handbook is structured into seven sections: Christian, Jewish, and Muslim thought; law in theory and practice; domestic life and material culture; labour, land, and economy; bodies and sexualities; gender and holiness; and the interplay of continuity and change throughout the medieval period. It contains material from some of the foremost scholars in this field, and it not only serves as the major reference text in medieval and

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gender studies, but also provides an agenda for future new research.

### **Life in the Medieval Cloister**

Medieval images and their content, intentions, and functions regularly followed specific strategies, rituals, and symbols of communication. This is true for religious as well as for secular images. One can recognize these strategies and rituals through analyzing the patterns that occur in the varieties of image construction, image space, image messages, and their perception. This book contains contributions by international specialists whose research interests concentrate on these patterns, the rituals associated with them, and the influences of these phenomena on the daily life of the image audience. (Series: History: Research and Science / Geschichte: Forschung und Wissenschaft - Vol. 39)

### **Daily Life During the Black Death**

Although life in the Middle Ages was not as comfortable and safe as it is for most people in industrialized countries today, the term “Dark Ages” is highly misleading. The era was not so primitive and crude as depictions in film and literature would suggest. Even during the worst years of the centuries immediately following the fall of Rome, the legacy of that civilization survived. This book covers diet, cooking, housing, building, clothing, hygiene, games and other pastimes, fighting and healing in medieval times. The reader will find numerous misperceptions

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corrected. The book also includes a comprehensive bibliography and a listing of collections of medieval art and artifacts and related sites across the United States and Canada so that readers in North America can see for themselves some of the matters discussed in the book. Instructors considering this book for use in a course may request an examination copy [here](#).

### **Everyday Life in Medieval Times**

A study of life inside medieval monasteries that explores monastic spirituality, daily routines, contact with the outside world, and the historical impact of these foundational institutions on the Western world.

- Surveys the history of the monastery, describing its origins, purpose, geographic spread, and impact on the larger society
- Provides a glimpse of the rich and often idiosyncratic evidence that survives for medieval monasteries
- Emphasizes the pervasiveness of monasticism in medieval Europe, the versatility of the monastic tradition, and its remarkable survival
- Brings to life the interior experience of a typical monk or nun, allowing readers to understand what draws some individuals to the monastic life

### **Science and Technology in Medieval European Life**

What was life like in the towns and villages of medieval England? The full range of medieval life is covered, from the town life of medieval York and London to the life of peasants in the Durham and

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Warwickshire countryside. Drawing on newly discovered firsthand accounts, the book tells of leisure pursuits, religious practices, fashions, life at home and in the workshop or field, with sections on women in late medieval households, the peasant economy, the role of money in rent payments, and changing features of parish religion before the Reformation.

### **Life in a Medieval City**

An examination of daily life in the Middle Ages which reveals the intimate relations between age groups, between the living and the dead, and between people and things.

### **History of Everyday Life in Medieval Scotland**

Describes how science and technology impacted the daily life of people during the Middle Ages

### **A World Lit Only by Fire**

Step back in time to medieval London to find out about the lives of those working and living there.

### **Scent from the Garden of Paradise. Musk and the Medieval Islamic World**

An exploration of both private and public life in the Middle Ages covers society, the life cycle, material culture, life in villages, castles, monasteries, and

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towns, and the medieval world, plus games, food, and music.

### **Daily Life in Medieval Serbia**

Provides an overview of daily life during the time of the plague that devastated fourteenth-century Europe and looks at the impact of the plague on people's activities in such settings as the doctor's office, the home, city hall, and on the roads.

### **Everyday Life in Medieval England**

Warlords, Witches and Stockholm Syndrome: Stories from Medieval Ireland presents over two dozen fascinating portraits of life in medieval Ireland. Focusing on unusual and diverting individuals, topics and events from the 13th and 14th centuries. Against the backdrop of the violent and chaotic history of Ireland during this period, fascinating stories of controversial events and scandals such as heresy trials, spying, corruption and murder make the book interesting and accessible, even to those readers unfamiliar with medieval history. The book offers a fascinating flavour of life in medieval Ireland, covering everything from Female Spies in the 14th century, through the Journey of an Irish Monk to China in the 1330s, the Peasants Strikes of 1299 and 1349, to a riot over a dead dog and the thieves who inhabited this chaotic world.

### **Clerical Households in Late Medieval Italy**

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Scent from the Garden of Paradise: Musk and the Medieval Islamic World traces the history of musk from ancient Asia to the early medieval Islamic world and examines the important role musk played in perfumery and medicine in this new context.

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### **Daily Life in a Medieval Monastery**

William Manchester's *A World Lit Only by Fire* is the preeminent popular history of civilization's rebirth after the Dark Ages.

### **Objects, Environment, and Everyday Life in Medieval Europe. Environmental and**

## **Artefact Based Approaches to Dwelling in Town and Country**

### **Chivalry**

From the time of its birth in Mecca in the 7th century C.E., Islam and the Islamic world rapidly expanded outward, extending to Spain and West Africa in the west, and to Central Asia and the Indian Subcontinent in the east. An examination of the daily life in these Islamic regions provides insight into a civilized, powerful, and economically stable culture, where large metropolitan centers such as Damascus, Baghdad, and Cairo thrived in many areas, including intellectual and scientific inquiry. In contrast with medieval Europe, there is little common knowledge in the West of the culture and history of this vibrant world, as different from our own in terms of the political, religious, and social values it possessed, as it is similar in terms of the underlying human situation that supports such values. This book provides an intimate look into the daily life of the medieval Islamic world, and is thus an invaluable resource for students and general readers alike interested in understanding this world, so different, and yet so connected, to our own.

### **Daily Life in Medieval Times**

Illustrations depicting everyday life in the Middle Ages are accompanied by brief text.

## **Daily Life of the Jews in the Middle Ages**

A vast array of images and vignettes depicts the everyday hardships and commonplace pleasures of people living in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries in a dawn-to-dark account of life in the late Middle Ages that captures the era's religious, economic, institutional, educational, leisure, cultural, and social practices and institutions.

## **Life in a Medieval City**

From acclaimed historians Frances and Joseph Gies comes the reissue of their classic book on day-to-day life in medieval cities, which was a source for George R.R. Martin's *Game of Thrones* series. Evoking every aspect of city life in the Middle Ages, *Life in a Medieval City* depicts in detail what it was like to live in a prosperous city of Northwest Europe in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The year is 1250 CE and the city is Troyes, capital of the county of Champagne and site of two of the cycle Champagne Fairs—the "Hot Fair" in August and the "Cold Fair" in December. European civilization has emerged from the Dark Ages and is in the midst of a commercial revolution. Merchants and money men from all over Europe gather at Troyes to buy, sell, borrow, and lend, creating a bustling market center typical of the feudal era. As the Gieses take us through the day-to-day life of burghers, we learn the customs and habits of lords and serfs, how financial transactions were conducted, how medieval cities were governed, and what life was really like for a wide range of people.

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For serious students of the medieval era and anyone wishing to learn more about this fascinating period, *Life in a Medieval City* remains a timeless work of popular medieval scholarship.

### **Daily Life in the Late Middle Ages**

Examines the life and work of the people who lived and worked between the reign of Charlemagne and the coming of the Renaissance.

### **Foodways and Daily Life in Medieval Anatolia**

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### **Everyday Life in Medieval London**

This volume presents Europe-wide perspectives on urban life in medieval Europe through the study of artefacts and environmental remains. Artefacts and environmental remains are abundant from archaeological excavations across Europe, but until now they have most commonly been used to accompany broader narratives built on historical sources and studies of topography and buildings, rather than being studied as important evidence in their own right. The papers in this volume aim to redress the balance by taking an environmental and artefact-based approach to life in medieval Europe. The contributions included here address central themes such as urban identities, the nature of towns and their relationship with their hinterlands, provisioning processes, and the role of ritual and religion in everyday life. Case studies from across Europe encourage a comparative approach between town and country, and provide a pan-European perspective to current debates. The volume is divided into four key parts: an exploration of the processes of provisioning; an assessment of the dynamics of urban population; an examination of domestic life; and a discussion of the status

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quaestionis and future potential of urban environmental archaeology. Together, these sections make a significant contribution to medieval archaeology and offer new and unique insights into the conditions of everyday life in medieval Europe.

### **The Oxford Handbook of Women and Gender in Medieval Europe**

Looks at life in England at the time of Chaucer, exploring housing, food, and entertainment

### **Daily Life in Medieval Times**

This illustrated text provides a detailed account of birth, marriage and death; food, clothing and housing; love and labour in Europe during the Middle Ages.

### **Women's Lives in Medieval Europe**

"This book investigates daily life in Anatolia during the fourteenth century, the dawn of the Ottoman era, through the many ways in which humans experience food. This includes meals and the social interactions that they entail, of course, but also the production activities of peasants and gardeners, the exchanges of food between the common folk, merchants and the state, and the religious landscape that unfolds around food-related beliefs and practices. Using an array of sources ranging from hagiographies to archaeology and from Sufi poetry to endowment deeds, the resulting study presents a broad picture of a society's daily life and worldviews through the multiplicity of its

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interactions with food, in a style that both scholars and non-specialists will enjoy"--

### **Life in a Medieval Castle and Village Coloring Book**

From acclaimed historians Frances and Joseph Gies comes the reissue of this definitive classic on medieval castles, which was a source for George R.R. Martin's Game of Thrones series. "Castles are crumbly and romantic. They still hint at an age more colorful and gallant than our own, but are often debunked by boring people who like to run on about drafts and grumble that the latrines did not work. Joseph and Frances Gies offer a book that helps set the record straight—and keeps the romance too."—Time A widely respected academic work and a source for George R.R. Martin's Game of Thrones, Joseph and Frances Gies's bestselling *Life in a Medieval Castle* remains a timeless work of popular medieval scholarship. Focusing on Chepstow, an English castle that survived the turbulent Middle Ages with a relative lack of violence, the book offers an exquisite portrait of what day-to-day life was actually like during the era, and of the key role the castle played. The Gieses take us through the full cycle of a medieval year, dictated by the rhythms of the harvest. We learn what lords and serfs alike would have worn, eaten, and done for leisure, and of the outside threats the castle always hoped to keep at bay. For medieval buffs and anyone who wants to learn more about this fascinating era, *Life in a Medieval Castle* is as timely today as when it was first

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published.

## **Daily Life in Medieval Europe**

This book introduces readers to lived experience in the Late Roman Empire, from c.250-600 CE.

## **The Merchant of Prato**

Everyday life in early thirteenth-century England is revealed in vivid detail in this riveting collection of correspondence of people from all classes, from peasants and shopkeepers to bishops and earls. The documents presented here include letters between masters and servants, husbands and wives, neighbors and enemies, and cover a wide range of topics: politics and war, going to fairs and going to law, attending tournaments and stocking a game park, borrowing cash and doing favors for friends, investigating adultery and building a windmill. While letters by celebrated people have long been known, the correspondence of ordinary people has not survived and has generally been assumed never to have existed in the first place. Martha Carlin and David Crouch, however, have discovered numerous examples of such correspondence hiding in plain sight. The letters can be found in manuscripts called formularies—the collections of form letters and other model documents that for centuries were used to teach the arts of letter-writing and keeping accounts. The writing-masters and their students who produced these books compiled examples of all the kinds of correspondence that people of means, members of

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the clergy, and those who handled their affairs might expect to encounter in their business and personal lives. Tucked among the sample letters from popes to bishops and from kings to sheriffs are examples of a much more casual, ephemeral kind of correspondence. These are the low-level letters that evidently were widely exchanged, but were often discarded because they were not considered to be of lasting importance. Two manuscripts, one in the British Library and the other in the Bodleian Library, are especially rich in such documents, and it is from these collections that Carlin and Crouch have drawn the documents in this volume. They are presented here in their first printed edition, both in the original Latin and in English translation, each document splendidly contextualized in an accompanying essay.

### **Daily Life in the Middle Ages**

This book examines the ordinary, routine, daily behaviour, experiences and beliefs of people in Scotland from the earliest times to 1600. Its purpose is to discover the character of everyday life in Scotland over time and to do so, where possible, within a comparative context. Its focus is on the mundane, but at the same time it takes heed of the people's experience of wars, famine, environmental disaster and other major causes of disturbance, and assesses the effects of longer-term processes of change in religion, politics, and economic and social affairs. In showing how the extraordinary impinged on the everyday, the book draws on every possible kind of evidence including a diverse range of documentary

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sources, artefactual, environmental and archaeological material, and the published work of many disciplines. The authors explore the lives of all the people of Scotland and provide unique insights into how the experience of daily life varied across time according to rank, class, gender, age, religion

## **Daily Life in a Medieval Monastery**

A warm, intimate, and engrossing biography of Francesco di Marco Datini, who built a powerful mercantile network in fourteenth-century Tuscany, and a peerless evocation of the sensations, personalities, and everyday struggles of Italian life more than half a millennium in the past. "For God and Profit" is how the medieval merchant Francesco di Marco Datini headed a notebook in which he kept track of his business dealings, and these were certainly his guiding lights. Born in the 1330s in the Tuscan town of Prato, the son of a poor taverner, Datini set out at the age of fifteen for Avignon, where, over the course of the next thirty-five years, he made a fortune trading in arms, armor, artworks, wool, saffron, leather, silk, and much more. Returning home, he expanded his operations, setting up offices all across the Mediterranean, which he oversaw through an unceasing flow of correspondence. When he died, Datini asked that all his papers be preserved in his house, and in 1870 they were found, a little worm-eaten and mouse-nibbled but largely intact, in a sack under the stairs. They are one of the great records not only of medieval life but of the emergence of the modern commercial world. Drawing on this rich

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archive, Iris Origo offers a wonderfully vivid account of Datini's public and private worlds. The Merchant of Prato is a masterpiece of modern narrative history.

### **Medieval Life**

A year in the life of a peasant woman in medieval England is vividly evoked in this extraordinary portrait of Marion, a carpenter's wife, and her extended family. Based on years of research, Ann Baer brings to life the reality of a world that has been lost. Rising before dawn in a tiny village to a day of gruelling hard work, Marion and her husband face the daily struggle for survival. Starvation is never far away and travel to the next village is virtually unheard of. Existing without soap, paper or glass and with only the most basic of tools, sickness, fire and natural disaster ever threaten to engulf the small, tightly knit community. At the mercy of the weather and the Lord of the Manor, each equally unpredictable and inescapable, Marion's life is burdensome but also displays an admirable dignity and fortitude in the face of adversity. The little village is at one with the natural world around it and each member has a role to play and a place in the hierarchy. Simple people, living unrecorded lives in remote villages not on the way to anywhere are brought back into focus in *Medieval Woman*. Ann Baer defines and celebrates the woman at the heart of the community. This is a unique approach to history, compressing decades of in-depth research on the Middle Ages into one single, immersive, compelling narrative.

## **Life in a Medieval Castle**

The reissue of Joseph and Frances Gies's classic bestseller on life in medieval villages. This new reissue of *Life in a Medieval Village*, by respected historians Joseph and Frances Gies, paints a lively, convincing portrait of rural people at work and at play in the Middle Ages. Focusing on the village of Elton, in the English East Midlands, the Gieses detail the agricultural advances that made communal living possible, explain what domestic life was like for serf and lord alike, and describe the central role of the church in maintaining social harmony. Though the main focus is on Elton, c. 1300, the Gieses supply enlightening historical context on the origin, development, and decline of the European village, itself an invention of the Middle Ages. Meticulously researched, *Life in a Medieval Village* is a remarkable account that illustrates the captivating world of the Middle Ages and demonstrates what it was like to live during a fascinating—and often misunderstood—era.

## **A Year in the Life of Medieval England**

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