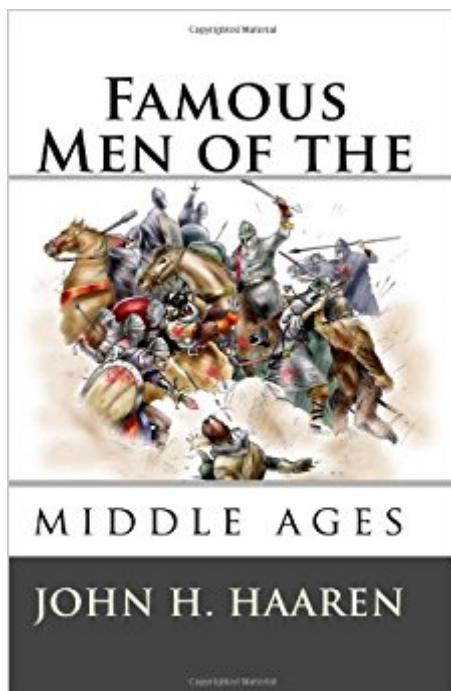


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Famous Men Of The Middle Ages



Synopsis

Famous Men of the Middle Ages features attractive biographical sketches of thirty-five of the most prominent characters in the history of the Middle Ages, from the barbarian invasions to the invention of the printing press. Each story in this book by John Haaren is told in a clear, simple manner, and is well calculated to awaken and stimulate the youthful imagination. Notable characters featured in Famous Men of the Middle Ages include Attila the Hun, Charlemagne, William the Conqueror, Frederick Barbarossa, Marco Polo, and William Tell. Somewhat surprisingly, Famous Men of the Middle Ages also includes a chapter about one woman: Joan of Arc.

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Customer Reviews

John Henry Haaren (1855-1916) was an American educator and historian. John Haaren studied under Prof. N. M. Butler at Columbia University, 1889-91, before becoming a teacher in New York. In 1907 he became Associate Superintendent of Schools in New York, increasing the number and efficiency of kindergartens and starting classes to teach English to foreigners. Haaren was president of the department of pedagogy in the Brooklyn Institute. Haaren High School (which was located on 10th Avenue between 58th and 59th Streets in Manhattan) was named in his honor. The Charles B. J. Snyder-designed school which was initially DeWitt Clinton High School is now Haaren Hall on the campus of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Haaren wrote a several history books which are still appreciated today, of which this is one.

I read aloud a chapter or two each day from "Famous Men of the Middle Ages" to my homeschooled child as she was learning about the Middle Ages. It was a good supplement to the curriculum. Written in story form, each chapter is only a few pages long, and gives an account of a person in history. This format gives more detail and is a bit more interesting than just reading a text book. Upon the completion of the Middle Ages unit study, my daughter took a 50 question test and remarked on several occasions, "Oh I remember, we read about that!" Due to that response I am looking to purchase something similar for the study of the Renaissance.

We've been using this book for our homeschool lessons. It has great info, but doesn't overwhelm my first & third grader with tons of detail. The kindle version is more difficult to use than the physical book bc the chapters aren't clearly separated. You can't go to a specific chapter. You have to flip through page by page to find the chapter you want. That's pretty annoying when you are trying to keep young kids focused...

We are using it in our homeschool studies of the Middle Ages. So far it's great :) no complaints from mom or kids :)

This book describes the life of many men from the middle ages. I bought it to read to my elementary aged children and had to realize it is not written interesting enough for them. I find it interesting for me. Now one particular critic about this specific copy: It misses 3 chapters, that are supposed to be in it.

For a time period in history that has a lot of dry and boring information, my 2nd & 3rd grade students are really enjoying this book

This book is still an excellent book, but it is a revised edition to the original and this is NOT CLEAR from the information on the product. Several chapters on famous men in church history have been removed from the compilation in this edition. It is missing chapters on "Two Monks: Benedict and Gregory", "Gregory VII and Henry IV", and "St. Francis and St. Dominic". It is also missing the original preface, although this is just an explanation of the author's philosophy of history education and not vital to the content of the book. I wish I had known before ordering that certain chapters had been removed.

I definately recomend this book! It is history without any yawns or, "Mama, is the chapter almost done?". I read this edition as a book, I have not read it on Kindle. This book is well written. The author did an excellent job of keeping the reader hungry for more. I also like Famous Men of the Renaissance and Reformation, by the same author.

I sat down the night the book came and read it cover to cover. Interesting and well-written, it is a good introduction to some of the key figures of the middle ages. My children used Famous Men of Rome last year and loved it. They like this one just as much and we highly recommend it as a springboard into a study of the middle ages.

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