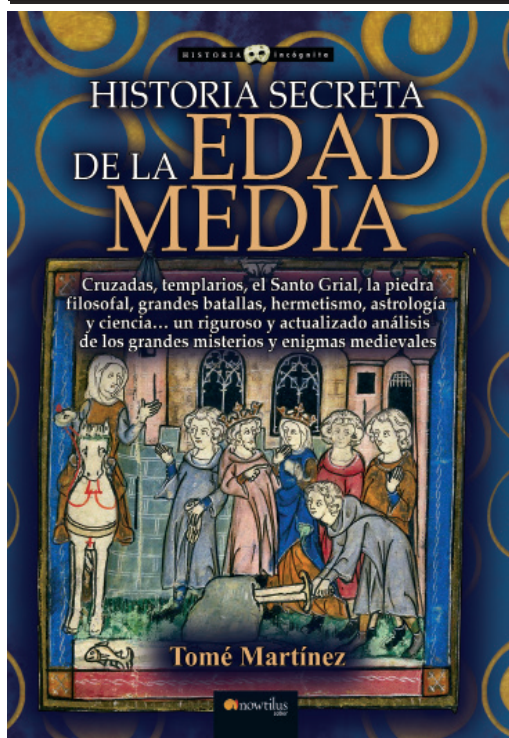


SECRET HISTORY OF THE MIDDLE AGES



Historical essay

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The Crusades, Templar Knights, the Holy Grail, the philosopher's stone, great battles, secrecy, astrology and science... a rigorous and up-to-date analysis of the great mysteries and enigmas of medieval times

Synopsis

The Templar Knights, the Holy Grail, the table of Solomon, banned books, the secrets of Alchemy, the Cathars, witchcraft, the great pilgrimages, the secret of Columbus, medieval hermetic guilds... These are just a few of the medieval mysteries that can be found in the pages of this book.

In this essay, Tomé Martínez invites us to make a voyage of discovery through the less known, and most striking trails of history of the middle ages. To path through these areas of knowledge the author takes hold of the more recent archaeological and documentary discoveries, and gives us a renewed, and surprising interpretation of the middle ages. Now, we understand the importance of its historical context. Although it had its shadows, also had its lights, and many of the big ideas and innovations that arise from the Renaissance are, as we shall see, rooted in medieval times.

For the first time in a long time we have a more accurate vision of some of the most relevant episodes of this historical context; but also a verification that many ideas, or events that we thought to be real, weren't at all, while other stories that we had thought fantasy, and invented happened indeed, history disguised as myth or legend. We have also have discovered a host of inventions, scientific and technological findings that show the valuable contributions of a time that we thought of dark and gloomy.

Biography

Tomé Martínez Rodríguez is a big promoter of topics in History, and Science. He has over twenty years of experience in audiovisual media, working in documentary series of channels such as TVE or RTPA. He has published in this same publishing house other titles like *Lost Civilizations*, *Great Enigmas of History*, or *Great Mysteries of the Past*, which became a bestseller in several countries.



Sales pitch

- A complete, rigorous, entertaining and informative historical tour of the episodes, and most important events of the Middle Ages. A new vision of the Middle Ages based on the latest specialised documentary, and archaeological discoveries.

- This essay explains the Middle Ages, not as a period of shadows, but as a moment of intellectual expansion, addressing the keys that were necessary for the scientific and technological progress, and the development of modern philosophy. Thanks to this title the reader will understand that the Middle Ages was the social setting for innovation in science, technology, art, engineering, law and philosophy.

- Secret history of the Middle Ages gives a detailed view of this period politics, the beginning of universities, the splendour of the Romanesque art, medieval legends, relics and treasures, pilgrimage, and the Camino de Santiago, the creation of military orders, the Crusades, and the maritime expeditions of various world powers.

- This work demystifies myths and legends that are associated with the medieval period; as Joan of arc, the magician Pope, the table of Solomon, the Court of King Arthur, the Grail or Excalibur, the sword. All these details are told with the intention of showing the real, and proven facts behind these stories of popular culture.

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