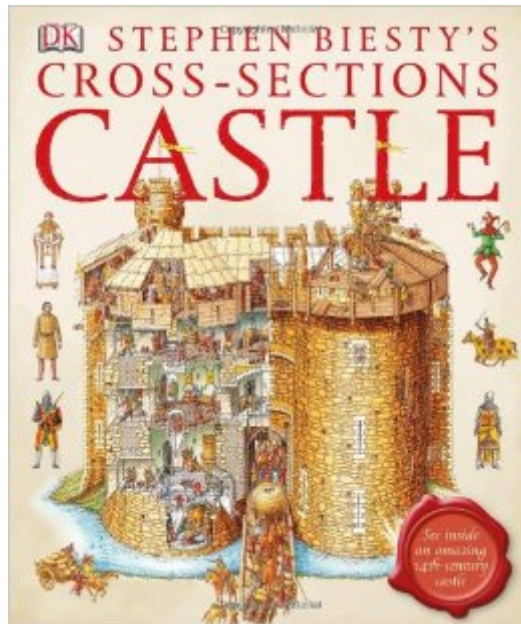


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Synopsis

More than one million copies sold worldwide â ” now revised and updated! An intimate guide to the inside of a castle and the lives of its residents, this Stephen Biesty classic details the workings of a medieval fortress. With intricately detailed cross-sections, each layer of a castle is presented, so readers can explore layer upon layer of castle life including the people, their possessions, and how they lived, as well as how they defended themselves from enemy attacks and settled down for an evening of entertainment. Each time readers turn the page, they'll discover new details, making this the ultimate "insider's guide" to the structure of a castle and the lives of its inhabitants.

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Customer Reviews

This best version of this is the hardback version which is more expensive. This has smaller pictures and lots of added text which takes away from the wonderful artwork. This is a cheaper version. The artwork is even cut by the divide in the center making it hard to see. Look for the bigger version of this book it is worth it to pay extra.

Parents beware: This wonderful, glorious castle book, full of amazing illustrations and incredible photographs, has a page on medieval torture. My kids' first interest in knights and castles came at age 4 or 5; this age is too young for these graphic depictions of tormented death. My kids are older

now and they RELISH the gory details. Parents know best what is the right age for their kids to be exposed to disembowelment, crushing torture, human branding, and stoning.

When you are an homeschooler and you study history you will enter the Medieval times at some point. Studying the Medieval era without looking at a castle wouldn't be the same. But in Canada, there isn't many castles around... Not like in England or Scotland for example. Consequently, you have to rely on books which will give you an idea what life in a castle would be back in the Medieval times. One such book is highly visual and will allow you to explore various levels of a castle. More specifically you will learn the parts of a castle, discover the castle gate, learn how the preparing for an attack was made, see how it was when the king was under siege, discover what the prison looked like, learn about the feudal system, see how a castle was built and how repairs were made, imagine the life of a lord, discover the type of clothing and the work held by various people, see a noble family, participate to a feast, enjoy entertainment, watch the knights, learn more about the food during Medieval times, explore the weaponry, and learn how lawbreakers were dealt with. Be careful though as you go through the pages of this book. A spy is hiding and your challenge would be to find him. You will have the official warrant on page 6 of the book right before entering the life during Medieval times. Most pages will show you a side view of the castle with all the rooms included. You will see characters living there and how they dress, you will have tidbits of information through all the pages to grasp a better understanding of castles during an amazing period of time in history. Packed with photos and illustrations, this book is a great visual feast when you want to learn more about castles. You can see that the author has taken the time to be precise and illustrate numerous sections of a castle. It's a wonderful reference to have in your personal library when you are studying the Medieval times.

This book covered the topic of castles perfectly as part of an elementary middle ages history study in our homeschool. It's about much more than just castles, though! As you look inside every part of a typical medieval castle, you also learn a bunch about life in the middle ages. Two-page spreads show cross-section illustrations of people living and working inside a castle. The pictures include labels telling about the happenings, architecture, room uses and more. Sometimes, additional two-page spreads tell more about particular medieval subjects using great images and small chunks of information that don't overwhelm young learners. I was thoroughly impressed with the amount of information covered: parts of a castle, attacks, imprisonment, the feudal system, medieval clothing, noble families, meals, entertainment, knights and weaponry. At each new cross-section, there is a

little map of the castle noting "You are here." That's just one example of the little details found in this book that make a homeschool mom's heart happy. Vocabulary, labeled images, real-life photos, and "just enough" explanations are some of the other little details I love. Most importantly, my son loves this book - even weeks after our middle ages study.

I was not sure my 12 year old grandson would be impressed by this book. I had seen it in the library several years ago and as an adult found it educational and interesting. My grandson is a bright and mature youngster and he enjoyed it completely. It looks like a picture book but it is more than that.

Plenty of good detail, but some parts of the illustrations are a little too small to see clearly. Make the book much bigger, though, and it wouldn't fit well in most bookcases. Still, glad I bought it.

Great book for use in a classroom unit on castles! I recommend it. I used it more than the kids though.

I bought this to replace my SO's favorite water-damaged copy. He was GIDDY and had to walk me through the various castle lifestyles and tech. Thank you. :)

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