

*As requested by many of our fans and members at RCH, this recommended reading list is the result of a collaborative effort between the RCH Founders and our many contributing academic professionals to create a comprehensive guide for those beginning their journey into serious and meaningful Crusades scholarship. This list is by no means a final list and we will update it as new materials, authors, and editions are published. Deus vult!*

### **Introductory:**

- *The New Concise History of the Crusades*, Thomas Madden
- *What were the Crusades?* Jonathan Riley-Smith
- *God's Battalions: The Case for the Crusades*, Rodney Stark
- *The Crusaders: The Struggle for the Holy Land*, Regine Pernoud
- *The Crusades: The Authoritative History of the War for the Holy Land*, Thomas Asbridge
- *The Crusades, third edition*, Jonathan Riley-Smith
- *God's War: A New History of the Crusades*, Christopher Tyerman
- *Seven Myths of the Crusades*, ed. Andrew Holt and Alfred Andrea

### **Specific and advanced topics:**

#### **Primary Sources: English Translations**

- *The First Crusade: The Chronicle of Fulcher of Chartres and Other Source Materials*, (ed. Edward Peters)
- *The Deeds of the Franks and Other Jerusalem-Bound Pilgrims: The Earliest Chronicles of the First Crusades*, (ed. and trans. Nirmal Dass)
- *Chronicles of the Crusades: Eye-witness accounts of the wars between Christianity and Islam*, (ed. Elizabeth Hallam)
- *Chronicle of the Third Crusade: A Translation of the Itinerarium Peregrinorum et Gesta Regis Ricardi*, Anonymous (trans. Helen Nicholson)
- *The Rare and Excellent History of Saladin*, Baha al-Din Shaddad (trans. D.S. Richards)
- *A History of Deeds Done Beyond the Sea*, Archbishop William of Tyre (A translation of *Historia rerum in partibus transmarinis gestarum*). Morningside Heights Columbia University Press, 1943
- *The Conquest of Jerusalem and the Third Crusade: Sources in Translation*, Peter W. Edbury (Continuations of William of Tyre, including the *Chronicles of Ernoul*)
- *In Praise of the New Knighthood: a Treatise on the Knights Templar and the Holy Places of Jerusalem*, Bernard of Clairvaux (trans. Conrad Greenia)
- *A Knight's Own Book of Chivalry*, Geoffroi de Charny (trans. Ellspeth Kennedy)
- *Joinville and Villehardouin: Chronicles of the Crusades* (trans. Caroline Smith)

## **Islamic history, conquests, theology, and sources**

- *The Crusades, Christianity, and Islam*, Jonathan Riley-Smith
- *Arab Historians of the Crusades*, Francesco Gabrieli
- *Sea of Faith: Islam and Christianity in the Medieval Mediterranean World*, Stephen O'Shea
- *The Truth about Muhammad*, Robert Spencer
- *The Crusades: Islamic Perspectives*, Carole Hildebrand
- *The Great Islamic Conquests*, David Nicolle
- *The Great Arab Conquests*, Hugh N. Kennedy
- *The Crusades through Arab Eyes*, Amin Maalouf
- *Saracens: Islam in the Medieval European Imagination*, John V. Tolan

## **The First Crusade**

- *The First Crusade: A New History*, Thomas Asbridge
- *The First Crusaders 1195-1131*, Jonathan Riley-Smith
- *Victory in the East: A military history of the First Crusade*, John France
- *The First Crusade: The Call from the East*, Peter Frankopan
- *Knightly Piety and the Lay Response to the First Crusade: The Limousin and Gascony c.970 - c.1130*, Marcus Bull

## **The Third Crusade**

- *Richard I*, John Gillingham
- *Richard the Lionheart: The Mighty Crusader*, David Miller
- *Saladin*, Andrew S. Ehrenkreutz
- *Hattin 1187: Saladin's Greatest Victory*, David Nicolle
- *Downfall of the Crusader Kingdom: The Battle of Hattin and the Loss of Jerusalem*, W. B. Bartlett

## **The Eastern Roman Empire During the Crusades (Byzantine Studies)**

- *The Alexiad*, Anna Comnena (trans. Elizabeth Dawes)
- *Fourteen Byzantine Rulers: The Chronographica of Michael Psellus*, trans. E. R. A Sewter
- *Strenuitas: The Life and Times of Robert Guiscard and Bohemond of Taranto*, Danny Chaplin
- *Warfare, State, and Society in the Byzantine World 560-1204*, John Haldon

## **Islamic Spain and the Reconquista**

- *The Myth of the Andalusian Paradise: Muslims, Christians, and Jews under Islamic Rule in Medieval Spain*, Dario Fernandez-Mendoza
- *Medieval Iberia: Readings from Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Sources*, ed. Olivia Remie Constable
- *A History of Medieval Spain*, Joseph F. O'Callaghan

## **The Northern Crusades**

- *The Northern Crusades*, Eric Christiansen
- *The Popes and the Baltic Crusades 1147-1254*, Iben Fonnesberg-Schmidt

## **The Albigensian Crusades**

- *The Cathars: Dualist Heretics in Languedoc in the High Middle Ages*, Malcolm Barber
- *A Most Holy War: The Albigensian Crusade and the Battle for Christendom*, Mark Pegg\*

## **Preaching the Crusades**

- *How to Plan a Crusade*, Christopher Tyerman

## **Monasticism**

- *Medieval Monasticism: Forms of Religious Life in Europe in the Middle Ages*, C.H. Lawrence

## **The Crusader States**

- *William of Tyre: Historian of the Latin East*, Peter W. Edbury and John Gordon Rowe
- *The Chronicle of Ernoul and the Continuations of William of Tyre*, M.R. Morgan
- *The Crusader States*, Malcolm Barber
- *Crusading and the Crusader States*, Andrew Jotischky
- *The Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem 1099 to 1291 AD*, Claude Reignier Conder
- *Feudal Monarchy in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem*, John L. La Monte
- *Kings and Lords in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem*, Hans Eberhard Mayer
- *Women in the Crusader States: The Queens of Jerusalem 1100 - 90*, Bernard Hamilton in *Medieval Women (Studies in Church History, Subsidia I)*, (ed. Derek Baker)
- *The Leper King and His Heirs: Baldwin IV and the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem*, Bernard Hamilton
- *John of Ibelin and the Kingdom of Jerusalem*, Peter Edbury
- *The Kingdom of Cyprus and the Crusades, 1191-1374*, Peter Edbury

## **Military aspects of the Crusades**

- *Western warfare in the Age of the Crusades, 1000-1300*, John France
- *Victory in the East: A military history of the First Crusade*, John France
- *Theorizing Medieval Geopolitics: War and World Order in the Age of the Crusades (Routledge Research in Medieval Studies)*, Andrew Latham

## **Knighthood and chivalry**

- *The Knight and Chivalry*, Richard Barber
- *Knights: The Complete Story of the Age of Chivalry, from Historical Fact to Tales of Romance and Poetry*, Andrea Hopkins
- *A Knight's Own Book of Chivalry*, Geoffroi de Charny (trans. Ellspeth Kennedy)
- *Arms and Armour of the Medieval Knight*, David Edge and John Miles Paddock
- *The Sword in the Age of Chivalry*, Ewart Oakeshott
- *Records of the Medieval Sword*, Ewart Oakeshott

## **The Military Orders**

- *The Templars*, Regine Pernoud
- *The New Knighthood: A History of the Orders of the Temple*, Malcolm Barber
- *The Trial of the Templars (2nd.ed.)*, Malcolm Barber
- *The Real History behind the Templars*, Sharan Newman
- *The Templars and the Assassins: The Militia of Heaven*, James Wasserman
- *Dungeon, Fire, and Sword: The Knights Templar in the Crusades*, John J. Robinson
- *Knights of Jerusalem: The Crusading Order of Hospitallers 1100 - 1565*, David Nicolle
- *The Sword and the Green Cross: The Saga of the Knights of Saint Lazarus from the Crusades to the 21st Century*, Max J. Ellul\*
- *Leper Knights: The Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem in England, 1150 - 1544*, David Marcombe
- *The Teutonic Knights: A Military History*, William Urban
- *The Teutonic Knights in the Holy Land, 1190-1291*, Nicholas Morton

## **Women in the Middle Ages and the Crusades**

- *Medieval Women (Studies in Church History, Subsidia I)*, (ed. Derek Baker)

## **The world of the Crusades**

- *The Crusader World*, Adrian Boas

- *The Origin of the Idea of the Crusade*, Carl Erdmann
- *The Crusades and the Expansion of Catholic Christendom, 1000-1714*, John France
- *Contesting the Crusades*, Norman Housley
- *Fighting for the Cross: Crusading to the Holy Land*, Norman Housley
- *Theorizing Medieval Geopolitics: War and World Order in the Age of the Crusades (Routledge Research in Medieval Studies)*, Andrew Latham
- *The Crusades: The Essential Readings* (ed. Thomas Madden)
- *The Atlas of the Crusades*, (ed. Jonathan Riley-Smith)
- *Walking Corpses: Leprosy in Byzantium and the Medieval West*, Timothy S. miller and John W. Nesbitt

### **Art, architecture, and artifacts**

- *Crusader Archaeology: The Material Culture of the Latin East*, Adrian J. Boas
- *Crusader Art: The Art of the Crusaders in the Holy Land*, Jaroslave Folda
- *Secular Buildings in the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem: An Archaeological Gazetteer*, Denys Pringle
- *The Archaeology of Weapons*, Ewart Oakeshott
- *The Sword in the Age of Chivalry*, Ewart Oakeshott
- *Records of the Medieval Sword*, Ewart Oakeshott