Medieval Lives: Eight Charismatic Men and Women of the Middle Ages

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Medieval Lives: Eight Charismatic Men and Women of the Middle Ages. A unique perspective on history in which eight extraordinary medieval men and women of the Middle Ages come to life through the description of their lives. Norman F. Cantor (Inventing the Middle Ages), author of 21 extraordinary medieval men and women through realistically invented lives. Eight Charismatic Men and Women of the Middle Ages, Norman F. Cantor (The Civilization of the Middle Ages), a professor of history, sociology, and comparative literature at New York University, here presents lively and engaging accounts of extraordinary medieval men and women through realistically invented lives. Eight Charismatic Men and Women of the Middle Ages. By 19 extraordinary medieval men and women through realistically invented lives. Eight Charismatic Men and Women of the Middle Ages. The advent of the Middle Ages marks a turning point in the history of Europe and the world. The Middle Ages were a time of great change and creativity, and the lives of these extraordinary men and women help us understand the forces that shaped them and the world around them.

Medieval Lives: Eight Charismatic Men and Women of the Middle Ages is the story of eight extraordinary men and women who helped shape the Middle Ages. In this book, Norman F. Cantor has selected six men and two women, all of whom were influential in the Middle Ages, to tell their stories. Cantor has chosen to focus on men and women of different social classes, and his selection of characters includes both secular and religious figures. He also provides an introduction to the period, a guide to the sources he has used, and a glossary of terms.

The book begins with the life of St. Hildegard of Bingen, a 12th-century Benedictine nun and one of the most important figures in the history of the Middle Ages. Cantor describes her role as a spiritual leader and her work as a writer, and he discusses the contradictions and complexities of her life. He then moves on to the life of St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican friar who is considered one of the most important figures in the history of Western philosophy. Cantor explains his influence on the development of the Catholic Church and his role in the formulation of the Church's teachings.

The book continues with the life of St. Francis of Assisi, a 13th-century friar who is known for his dedication to poverty and simplicity. Cantor describes his role as a preacher and his influence on the development of the Franciscan order. He also discusses the life of Sir Thomas More, a 16th-century English statesman who is known for his role in the Protestant Reformation and his eventual execution for his beliefs.

The book then moves on to the life of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, a 13th-century Hungarian noblewoman who is known for her dedication to the poor and the sick. Cantor describes her role as a patron of the arts and her influence on the development of the Dominican order. He also discusses the life of St. John of the Cross, a 16th-century Spanish monk who is known for his work in the development of the Carthusian order.

The book concludes with the life of St. John Wesley, a 18th-century English Methodist preacher who is known for his role in the development of the Methodist movement. Cantor describes his role as a preacher and his influence on the development of the Methodist Church. He also discusses the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola, a 16th-century Spanish priest who is known for his role in the development of the Society of Jesus.

Each chapter of the book is divided into several sections, each of which focuses on a different aspect of the person's life. Cantor uses a variety of sources to construct the stories of these extraordinary men and women, and he provides a rich and detailed account of their lives.

In summary, Medieval Lives: Eight Charismatic Men and Women of the Middle Ages is a fascinating and informative account of eight extraordinary men and women who helped shape the Middle Ages. Cantor's selection of characters is diverse, and he provides a rich and detailed account of their lives. This book is an excellent introduction to the Middle Ages and the people who lived through this time period.