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"Not many, if any, children's books on the Middle Ages and castles contain the wealth of information found in this fresh, appealing offering." - SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL (starred review)

What was it really like to live in a castle? Step back to the Middle Ages with *Castle Diary: The Journal of Tobias Burgess*.

Eleven-year-old Toby's vivid diary entries offer an insider's view of day-to-day castle life, including tips on etiquette (where do you spit at a feast?) and exciting descriptions of hunting, jousting, and harvesting.

Complete with glossary, index, and detailed endnotes, this is a rich look at medieval life that informs as much as it entertains.

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Sue says

I usually don't like books written in "first person" because the author was not there--just pretending.

That said, there are so many details and good information in the back. The book includes very nice pictures and great layout. I couldn't have done it better; therefore, I consider it a GOOD READ. ★★★★★

Laura (Book Scrounger) says

This is a very short book written in the style of a diary of a fictional character who spends a year living as a page in a fictional castle during the Middle Ages. It initially caught my eye because my son's name is Tobias so I thought he'd enjoy reading this someday, but it's also quite useful as a way for children to learn about how Medieval castles were run, from food to jousting to questionable medical practices.

Molly Bilker says

There's no plot.

Diane says

Set in the year 1285, this story chronicles the 11-year-old Toby Burgess, as he discovers the triumphs and occasional tribulations of life as a page in his Uncle's castle.

Esther:) says

This Diary was pretty good. I mostly enjoyed the pictures and expressions though. If you are looking to understand the life of a prince/ or boy of a Castle during the Middle Ages. I would go with this one!!

Toryn says

This is a wonderful book and the perspective of this medieval page is enchanting. I highly recommend "Castle Diary" to people who would like to learn about the life of a page.

Matti Karjalainen says

Vuosi on 1285. Yksitoistavuotias Tobias Burgess lähtee kotoaan palvellakseen vuoden setänsä Strandboroughin paronin linnassa tullakseen hovipojaksi - ja kenties jonakin päivänä ihan oikeaksi ritariksi! Tobiaksen äiti pyytää poikaansa kirjoittamaan päiväkirjaa kokemuksistaan, ja niinpä hän tekeekin työtä käskettyä.

Richard Plattin "Linnan poika" (Tammi, 2000) kertoo keskiajan elämästä lapsen näkökulmasta, ja tekee sen oikein hyvin. Tekijät hyödyntävät oivallisesti niin kuvakirjan, historiallisen romaanin kuin tietokirjan keinuja. Vaikka aikakauden kaikkia hirvityksiä ei tuodakaan esille, ei sitä myöskään kaunistella: ritari murtaa selkänsä pudottuaan hevosen selästä ja kuolee, koulussa käytetään ruumiillista kurinpitoa rangaistusmenetelmänä, sairauksia hoidetaan iskemällä suonta ja vuodattamalla pahaan verta pois, paska haisee kesäkuumalla ja salametsästäjää uhataan hirrtotuomiolla.

Chris Riddell ei lukeudu suosikkikuvittajiini, mutta "Linnan pojassa" homma toimii oikein mukavasti: ilmeikkäitä hahmoja ja mukavia yksityiskohtia piisaa. Teoksen loppupuolelta löytyy vielä tietopaketti, joka tarjoaa lisää informaatiota muun muassa piiritysaseista ja haarniskoista.

Tietokirjoja ei ole vinkkauspaketissa koskaan liikaa, joten tämä otetaan mukaan kun seuraavan kerran kirjastoon saapuu alakoululaisten ryhmä.

RaenenAB says

A Castle Diary is the story a young page named Tobias Burgess. Set in 1285 the book has much information on life in a castle in medieval Europe while also staying engaging and upbeat. It is a great book if you are a warrior for your silk road job.

Melinda says

It is pretty clever to create a fictional journal to teach about Medieval life. I will have to find ways to make this more entertaining for my students, however.

Jeff Lewonczyk says

Great introduction to life among medieval nobles, as narrated by an 11-year-old British page serving his uncle, a Baron. Told in the form of a diary across a single year, with wonderful illustrations.

Heather says

Written in diary format, Castle Diary tells the story of one year (1285) in the life of a young boy sent to be a page at his aunt and uncle's castle. He begins learning things he will eventually need to know to become a

knight. The end is a section of information about castles, the feudal system, and knights. This is an excellent book for elementary school age kids interested in or studying castles, knights, and medieval times.

Arielle Walker says

During Christmas at the family bach, I had the chance to re-read some old favourites, of which this is one. This book is the perfect blend of fact and fiction, being both informative and quirky. The writing is interesting, it is easy to read well still being evocative of the time, the illustrations are perfect (though I may be biased, in my eyes Chris Riddell can do no wrong) and overall it's great. I may have to invest in my own copy rather than waiting for the next bach trip.

Benjamin says

This book was enjoyable. It is written in simple language and tells a story meant to teach. There isn't a much of a plot, but there are many stories that are continued over many journal entries. This book was fun to read but probably made for younger readers.

Dove says

I liked this book because it was interesting and fun. It was a little short though. The plot was cool and i liked learning about a page in medieval times.

Kara says

A year-in-the-life of a medieval boy training to be a page. Good introduction for younger readers about what medieval castle life would have been like.
