

1: Heroines of the crusades. by C.A. Bloss.

C.A. Bloss' Heroines of the Crusades is a comprehensive history of the mostly untold stories of women and their participation in the famous campaigns of the Middle Ages. From the preface: "But though the Crusades are so important to the histo.

It is the order of the Hatchet orden de la Hacha in Catalonia. It was founded in by Raymond Berenger, count of Barcelona, to honor the women who fought for the defense of the town of Tortosa against a Moor attack. The dames admitted to the order received many privileges, including exemption from all taxes, and took precedence over men in public assemblies. I presume the order died out with the original members. The Inhabitants being a length reduced to great streights, desired relief of the Earl, but he, being not in a condition to give them any, they entertained some thoughts of making surrender. He also ordained that at all public meetings, the women should have precedence of the Men. That they should be exempted from all Taxes, and that all the Apparel and Jewels, though of never so great value, left by their dead Husbands, should be their own. The King exempted her from taxes, and ordered that, in an annual procession to commemorate the event, women would have precedence over men. This story seems to be a carbon copy of the Order of the Hatchet story Sixtus V suppressed this order in In his Glossarium s. Gertrude in Nivelles Brabant , after a probation of 3 years, are made knights militissae at the altar, by a male knight called in for that purpose, who gives them the accolade with a sword and pronounces the usual words. In England, ladies were appointed to the Garter almost from the start. In all, 68 ladies were appointed between and , including all consorts. Though many were women of royal blood, or wives of knights of the Garter, some women were neither. They wore the garter on the left arm, and some are shown on their tombstones with this arrangement. In , a proposal was made to revive the use of robes for the wives of knights in ceremonies, but it came to naught. Memorials of the Order of the Garter. Unless otherwise noted, all the above is from the book by H. The info about the Hatchet is reproduced elsewhere as well, e. I have seen the order of glorious Saint Mary discussed elsewhere, but without mention of women. I have yet to identify the orders of the Hornes family. Women in the Military Orders Several established military orders had women who were associated with them, beyond the simple provision of aid. The Teutonic order accepted consoroeres who assumed the habit of the order and lived under its rule; they undertook menial and Hospitaller functions. Later, in the late 12th century, one sees convents dependent on military orders are formed. The only other military order to have convents by was the order of Santiago, which had admitted married members since its foundation in And soon women were admitted and organized into convents of the order late 12th, early 13th c. The convents were headed by a commendatrix in Spanish: There were a total of six in the late 13th century: The order of Calatrava also had a convent in San Felices de los Barrios. The other was as female knight, or so it seems. Here is a quote from Menestrier, a 17th c. Sometimes, when some male fiefs were conceded by special privilege to women, they took the rank of chevaleresse, as one sees plainly in Hemricourt where women who were not wives of knights are called chevaleresses. Her family was made noble, with nobility transmissible through women, which was quite unusual. She did ride a horse and dress up in armor, but she did not wield a sword and never killed anyone, but rather grasped her banner tightly. See also the Nine Worthy Women les neuf preuses. On 27 July , a grateful Grand Master granted to him and his eldest son the right to wear and to bear in his arms a cross of Malta, and to one of his younger sons the right to be admitted as a minor in the order and to be promoted grand cross at the age of 18; furthermore this privilege was to be transmitted to his successors as head of his house, and in case of extinction of the male line it would pass to females. Their younger son Louis-Marie, vicomte de Noailles was called to the privilege. The first woman to be granted a knighthood in modern Britain seems to have been H. Her daughter received the same honour in and granddaughter in The order was open to "princes and chiefs" without distinction of gender. Thanks to Christopher Buyers for this item. The first European woman to have been granted an order of knighthood was Queen Mary, when she was made a Knight Grand Commander of the same order, by special statute, in celebration of the Delhi Durbar of She was also granted a knighthood in , when the Order of the British Empire was created the first order explicitly open to women.

Queen consorts have been made Ladies of the Garter since Queens Alexandra in , Mary in , Elizabeth in

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Let many lights blaze on our battlements, Shout to them in the pauses of the storm And tell them there is no hope. ALL night long the Lady Matilda, with her becoming children, knelt before the holy shrine in the old Abbey of Feschamp. No sails appeared, and the night fell dark and stormy upon the English channel. Meet was it that prayer should ascend to Him who rules the destiny of nations, for the hopes of all future times were rocked upon that midnight sea. The field of Hastings was won, Harold was slain, England was subdued, and the ships of William the Conqueror, filled with the flower of Norman chivalry, and followed by the sad remnant of Saxon nobles, were speeding to the Norman coast. Was it Thor the thunder-voiced, warning the proud Conqueror that the great heart of England still throbbed with the pulse of Freedom, though the vale of Sanguelac was red with the blood of her bravest sons? Was it the spirit of a milder Faith that prevailed over that night of darkness, spread a calm morning on those troubled waters, and through that all-pervading sunlight scattered blessings countless as the liquid jewels that paved the track of the rescued ships? The Mora with its splendid convoy was in sight, the bells rang out merrily their matin chimes, and while Matilda lingered to unite in the anthem of thanksgiving and praise, the little Adela, escaping from the care of the attendants, found her way through the dim aisles, to the door of the church, where she stood the radiant picture of delight, gazing with childish interest upon the scene before her. The solemn service over, Matilda with her stately train emerged from the Abbey and encircled by a princely retinue. The stone dropped idly into the wave, sprinkling the short cloaks, and embroidered tunics of the little group. I resign all claim to the conquered realm. With a look of proud disdain Robert hurled the stone. It fell dimpling the waters far beyond the mark. Robert smiled contemptuously, and rejoined his mother. A glad shout burst from the assembled multitude, and cries of " Long live the conqueror William! Long live our good Duke of Normandy! Fondly embracing his lovely wife and children, and graciously receiving the greeting of his rejoicing subjects, he turned to present the noble Saxons, that swelled the pomp of his train. The brave Earls Morear and Edwin, the noble Waltheof, and his beautiful daughter Mlaude, are also guests at our court, and must lack no courtesy at our hands. Other eyes than hers were fascinated by the appearance of the lovely stranger. A crimson coverchief half hid the jewelled network, from which her fair brown hair, brightening to gold in the sunshine, escaped in rich abundance over a neck of snow. The steady light of her meek violet eyes fell lovingly on Adela, and the faint tinge upon her cheek deepened into a brilliant blush, as the sprightly child kindly taking her hand, led her forward to receive the kiss of welcome from the Queen Duchess Matilda. Robert already wearing the spurs of knighthood, girt with silver baldric, and bearing high the lance with its pointed banner, led the van; gallantly conducting the young Earls Morcar and Edwin, and the royal Atheling: Not less assiduously, and not more successfully did the Duke King, and his haughty consort, employ the fascinations of easy grace, and polished wit, to beguile the gloomy musings of the captive Waltheof. So passed they on, the sad hearts with the gay. So sat they in the halls of mirth, the one keeping strict Lenten fast, the other revelling in triumphal feasts; one sole thought embittering the fast, and sweetening the feast-and that thought England. In a chamber in the palace of Bayeux were assembled the household of the Conqueror, busy in their daily occupations. The young princes summoned the maidens to the mimic tourney in the tiltyard, and waiting clouds prepared the gorgeous couch of sun, beyond the hills of Bretagne, ere the wily statesman had completed the unfoldings of all his schemes, for fixing the Norman line securely upon the throne of Edward the Confessor. From Edgar Atheling he feared little. The boy reared in a foreign court, a stranger to Saxon language and manners, had neither desire nor capacity to contend for a dignity unsuited to his years. He was already hand and glove with Robert, and subject to the imperious will of the young knight. But Morcar and Edwin were more dangerous foes. Kinsmen of the late king, at the least disaffection they might rouse the. Let policy complete what valor has commenced. Methinks our pretty Cicely might bind the restive Edwin in the

silken toils of love, more securely than unwilling homage or extorted oath. The holy Lanfranc has already sanctioned the vow. Matilda laid her hand soothingly upon his arm. Wed her to one who might foster her ambition, and neither crown nor throne would be beyond her aspirations. Agatha shall be the affianced of Edwin before he leaves these shores. The new Queen received the title of the manor of Gloucester, and condemned the owner, her former lover, to perpetual imprisonment. The fair Maude was to dwell in exile a hostage for the fidelity of her father, till a fitting opportunity might occur to make her hand the bond of amity between the Conqueror and some disaffected peer. Other hostages with their various possessions were disposed of in a similar manner, and thus the shades of evening stole into that darkened chamber, and brooded like palpable forms over the sacrifices which the new sovereigns covertly laid upon the altar of Avarice and Ambition. The ceremony of betrothal took place on the following evening. There were guests in embroidered garments and costly jewels, there were lights and music, and more than wonted festivity: When the spring deepened into summer, Edwin, exulting in the pride of his youthful elegance and princely alliance, returned loaded with honors to his restored domains. Agatha wept sore at his departure, but no tear trembled on the cheek of Maude. All external emotions were buried in the grave of hopeless love, and thenceforth in her pale, changeless beauty, she looked the ivory shrine, where the ashes of some holy thing were preserved, to work daily miracles upon the restless spirits by which she was surrounded. In her society the turbulent, and self-willed children of the Conqueror became calm and docile. But especially did Robert and Adela delight in tales of the turbaned Paynim. The long caravan winding its spicy track through emerald oases, or glistening sands-the dark-browed Saracens with spear and cimneter careering in battle on Arab steeds, fleet as the desert wind-terrible Turks from the wilds of Ilosser, swifter than leopards, and more fierce than the evening wolves - swarthy Nubians clustering like locusts in the holy places-toil-worn pilgrims scourged and massacred, and christian children slaughtered to furnish diabolical repasts for Moslem fiends, were themes that never failed to excite the most intense curiosity, and to rouse the direct imprecations of vengeance. Shame to the peers of Normandy, that sit quietly in Plouen while the Holy Sepulchre is in the hands of infidels. Hugh de Glaville conjectures there is treason in England. When the silent repast was finished, Maude led the weeping Agatha to her own chamber, and lifting the curtain of the oratory, stood with her before an altar covered with a richly embroidered velvet pall. Upon the altar was placed a golden crucifix, before which burned a silver lamp, and in a niche above, an alabaster image of the Madonna. John the divine aid thee to keep thy vow, Amen. All that night the patient Maude wrought with a magic bodkin upon the trothgift of Edwin, inscribing thereon a Saxon charm, that worn upon the breast of his mistress should shield him from danger, defeat, and death! The conjectures of Prince William were well founded. The peers of Normandy were again summoned from their castles to attend the Conqueror, and the following spring the royal family removed to Winchester. The coronation of Matilda was the most imposing pageant that had ever been seen in England. Foreign princes and peers graced the brilliant ceremonial-a numerous and lordly company of Normans attended her to the church, and a body-guard of Anglo-Saxons, among whom Agatha distinguished Edwin, conspicuous alike for the beauty of his person, and the almost oriental magnificence of his apparel, reconducted the new Queen and her beautiful children to the palace, where a splendid banquet closed the festivities. This season of rejoicing was followed by events of a sad and gloomy character. The revolt of Earl Waltheof-the invasion of the Danes-the flight of Edgar Atheling-the hostility of Malcolm, King of Scotland-the destruction of the city of York-the death of Aldred, its beneficent, and much loved bishop-the desolation of Northumberland-the laying waste the county of Hampshire-the confiscation of private property-and the cry of houseless wanderers, perishing of want, furnished a scene of unexampled calamities, while the odious revival of the Danegelt, and thee still more odious imposition of the couvrefeu, goaded the exasperated inhabitants to desperation, and excited constant rebellions and insurrections. The heart of the king, grieved and irritated, became entirely alienated from his Saxon subjects; and when Earl Edwin demanded the hand of Agatha, his claim was rejected with reproach and scorn. Meanwhile the ladies of the Norman court, no less than Matilda, deplored the absence of their lords, and murmurings and complaints succeeded to sadness and discontent, as month after month, and year after year rolled on, and still the troubles in England required the constant exercise of the Norman arms. The unheralded arrival of the Conqueror, with a military escort at

Caen, excited a brief sensation of pleasure, but small cause had his family to rejoice in his coming. The princesses were listening with rapt attention while Maude related the romance of a northern Jarl, who each night when the moon hung her silver lamp on high, moored his ocean palace beneath the shadow of a castle, beetling the sea, to woo fair Julnah the Pearl of the Orkneys. At this point of the story a messenger hastily entered and summoned Agatha to the presence of her dread father. With sad presentiments the princess rose and silently obeyed the mandate. None were present with the Conqueror in the audience-chamber save Matilda, Lanfranc, and the Saxon secretary, Ingulfus. Heaven has heard my prayer and averted thy doom. With this costly ring the prince of Spain plights thee his faith. The Saxon was unworthy of thy love. Resign thou his troth-gift, I will restore it to the proud Rebel. Bid thy maidens robe thee in apparel befitting thy rank, certes, the Spanish diadem will well become thy jetty locks. Even now a splendid convoy of vessels ride at anchor in the harbor to convey thee to thy future lord, and the pious Ingulfus, who hath long desired to visit the Holy Sepulchre, shall attend thee to the coast of Spain. Mechanically the trembling victim, drew from her bosom the talismanic shield. But bitterly as Matilda wept over her suffering daughter, her heart was torn with still keener anguish, at the maledictions pronounced upon her first-born and favorite son. Robert had been betrothed in infancy to the heiress of Maine; and had cherished the most romantic attachment for his affianced bride. On the death of the princess the people demanded him for their lord, and the young regent, generous and rash, had proceeded to take possession of the duchy, and administer justice in his own name. William now required him to resign the fief, not only, but to give his hand to Maude, the beautiful captive, who had so long been the companion of his sisters. Thou hast sacrificed the meek Agatha to the lust of dominion, but the gentle Maude shall never suffer from thy tyranny, while the sword of a belted knight can defend her. If ever I am king of England, the lands of Huntingden shall be hers, with free right to choose her own lord. I have won it by mine own good sword, the vicars of Christ have set its crown upon my head, and placed its sceptre in my hand, and all the world combined shall not take it from me," cried the monarch in a paroxysm of rage. Robert insolently rejoined, " I did not come hither to listen to sermons, but to claim the investiture which has been promised me. I will not divide my native realm, Normandy, with another, for it is written in the holy evangelists, Every kingdom divided against itself shall become desolate. May the curse of Cain light upon thy undutiful head. In such scenes was Adela nurtured, and thus in an atmosphere of intrigue and superstition, was a character naturally penetrating and impetuous, prepared to devise and carry forward the wildest schemes. Public calamities, and domestic vexations, impaired the. Bodesmen from the north, brought news of leagues and plots against his power, while messengers from Normandy, conveyed tidings of the disaffections of his peers, and the hostilities of the French king. Richard, his most dutiful and affectionate son, had accompanied him to England. The young prince was exceedingly fond of the chase, and often spent whole days hunting in the New Forest of Hampshire. The malaria of the depopulated district, and the painful emotions awakened in his sensitive nature, by the sight of famishing wretches, vainly seeking food and shelter, brought on a delirious fever, which soon terminated his life. He was interred in Winchester Cathedral. William cut the silk and read. Valery, doth thy poor scribe Ingulfus pray, that strength may be given thee, duke William, by grace of God, king of England, to bear the dreadful tidings, which much it grieves me to convey. When this comes to thee thou wilt know that thy sweet daughter, Agatha, liveth no more. Frolt the day of our departure she shed no tears, but a tender wailing sound, like the moan of a wounded dove, issued ever from her lips. Her heart, she said, was devoted to her first spouse, and she prayed that the Most High would rather take her to himself, than allow her ever to be wedded to another. Her prayer was granted. Agnes, having received the rites of our holy Church, she died, with the crucifix in her hand, and the name of Edwin on her lips.

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It is, however, from her maternal ancestry that she derives her great interest as connected with the annals of this country. Stephen, Earl of Chartres, was taken prisoner and murdered by his enemy; he was the hero who ran away in the Crusade. His wife was Adela, a daughter of King William I. He went thither, and died in the manner above related. William the Conqueror was so much attached to the Romance Walloon, that he encouraged its literature among his subjects, and forced it on the English by means of rigorous enactments, in place of the ancient Saxon, which closely resembled the Norse of his own ancestors. Throughout the whole tract of country from Navarre to the dominions of the Dauphin of Auvergne, and from sea to sea, the Provençal language was spoken--a language which combined the best points of French and Italian, and presented peculiar facilities for poetical composition. Benedict, equally famous for his learning and for his unfortunate love for Heloise, was born in , near Nantes, in the little village of Palais, which was the property of his father, Berenger. Bernard, born at Fontaines, in Burgundy, , was of n. The king had sent forward the queen and her ladies, escorted by his choicest troops, under the guard of Count Maurienne. He charged them to choose for their camp the arid, but commanding ground which gave them a view over the defiles of the valley of Laodicea. Queen Eleanora insisted upon halting in a lovely romantic valley, full of verdant gra. John and the Teutonic order, had its origin in the crusades. It was established in , for the protection of the pilgrims on the roads in Palestine. Subsequently, its object became the defence of the Christian faith, and of the Holy Sepulchre against the Saracens. Uniting the privileges of a religious order with great military power, and always prepared for service by sea and land, it could use its possessions to more advantage than other corporations, and also make conquests on its own account; in addition to which it received rich donations and bequests from the superst. In , the order possessed nine thousand considerable bailiwicks, commanderies, priories and preceptories, independent of the jurisdiction of the countries in which they were situated. The order was destroyed in France by Philip the Fair, about the beginning of the fourteenth century. John, or Hospitallers of St. John, afterwards called Knights of Rhodes, and finally Knights of Malta, were a celebrated order of military religious, established at the commencement of the crusades to the Holy Land. It was the duty of the monks, who were called brothers of St. John or hospitallers, to take care of the poor and sick, and in general, to a. This order obtained important possessions, and maintained itself against the arms of the Turks and Saracens by union and courage. In the knights established themselves on the island of Rhodes, where they remained upwards of two hundred years. In , Charles Fifth granted them the island of Malta, on conditions of perpetual war against the infidels and pirates. Thibaut offered his hand to his fair guest. He met with a refusal, which by no means turned him from his purpose, as he resolved to detain the lady prisoner in his fortress till she complied with his proposal. Eleanora suspected his design, and departed by night for Tours. Young Geoffrey Plantagenet, the next brother to the man she intended to marry, had likewise a great inclination to be sovereign of the south. He placed himself in ambush at a part of the Loire called the Port of Piles, with the intention of seizing the d. But she, pre-warned by her good angel, turned down a branch of the stream toward her own country.

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