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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *The Rule of the Templars: The French Text of the Rule of the Order of the Knights Templar (Studies in the History of Medieval Religion)*:

20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. For the devotee, a must. By A Customer Excellent. No doubt already on the shelves of those interested in this Medieval Catholic military lay religious order. For the uninitiated reader, first read the Introduction, Primitive Rule, and Appendix. Then, the rest. To a reader for whom the Templars are "knights who fought in the crusades," the Rule will seem most unexpectedly profuse in dwelling upon internal monastic disciplines, religious guidelines, and personal observances. Regulations addressing military issues and a Knight's behavior in the field are present. An appendix, coordinated with references to the Rule, treats some of the military aspect, especially in regards to the use of armed mounted force and the order's rankings. If unfamiliar with the Military Orders, it will be an eye-opener as to what the Catholic Church proposed for its monks. If doing extended reading elsewhere, a reader will be startled at the surprise ending of that now suppressed Order. I would alert those who do followup, not to confuse "Templar," as properly used for this group, with some current appropriators of that name, used for purposes of having mystique of lore legend. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Templar "How To" By Veronica K This book was exactly what I was looking for--a virtual handbook of Rules, but it also provides limited notes on historical context as well. It is not, however, annotated with comments explaining why a Rule is in place. That might have been handy information integrated into the text, but as is, this is exactly what I needed for my research. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By G. Mitchell Good read so far.

The Order of the Knights Templar, whose original purpose was to protect pilgrims to the Holy Land, was first given its own Rule in 1129, formalising the exceptional combination of soldier and monk. This translation of Henri de Curzon's 1886 edition of the French Rule is derived from the three extant medieval manuscripts. Both monastic rule and military manual, the Rule is a unique document and an important historical source. It comprises the Primitive Rule, Hierarchical Statutes, Penances, Conventual Life, the Holding of Ordinary Chapters, Further Details on Penances, and Reception into the Order. There are details of clothing, armour and equipment; instructions on conduct while on campaign; information on the daily life of members of the order and on the discipline which made it a formidable fighting force. The Rule evolved over almost 150 years of the Order's history, and is thus a dynamic piece of work, showing how the Templars adapted to political change and formulated their disciplinary code. An introduction gives the historical background to the Rule and summarises the various sections. An appendix by MATTHEW BENNETT discusses the military implications.

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