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In medieval times an individual often needed to defend his life, his family and his property, and mercenaries earned their living by hiring out their skills, while feudal noblemen regularly mustered their men-at-arms and their subordinate vassals and tenants to provide military service, even to the point of leading them on Crusades to the Holy Land and elsewhere. In the later medieval period the growing cities required their citizens to take up arms as militia in defence of the community during times of external threat. In *The Medieval Fighting Man - Europa Militaria Special No 18*, meticulous use is made of the sources available to enable the materials, colours and patterns used for reconstructed clothing to represent the real thing as accurately as possible. Fortunately, great numbers of medieval weapons and pieces of armour survived and can now be viewed in displays, and these form the basis of the arms presented in this book. This well-researched guide to the costume and equipment of the Medieval fighting man through the period 800-1500 will be of interest to all collectors, re-enactors, costumiers and military historians, and is fully illustrated with 147 colour photographs.

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