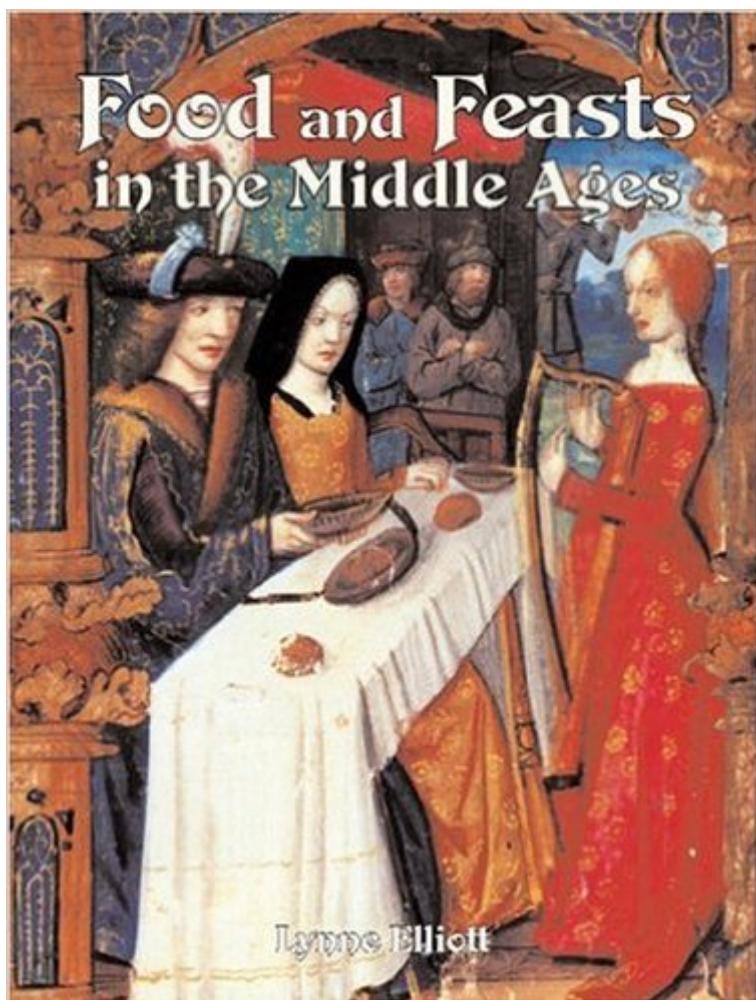


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# Food And Feasts In The Middle Ages (Medieval World (Crabtree Hardcover))



## **Synopsis**

Feasts were a common way of drawing families and communities together in the Middle Ages. This book takes readers inside a medieval kitchen highlighting utensils used in food preparation, the servants who worked there, and how food was prepared. It includes topics such as: farming and livestock; markets and fairs; the medieval kitchen; and more. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

These books in The Medieval World series (there are 20), published by Crabtree Publishing Company, serve myriad purposes. For the intended reading age, 9-12, they present medieval life--very confusing to our contemporary conventions--in a perfectly understandable fashion. For that age range, I could not recommend these books higher. If I'd had such materials when I was younger, I might have ended up as a medieval scholar. Yet they also serve a purpose that the publisher may not have intended, and that is for the casual researcher of medieval life. There are accessible texts for the casual researcher, this is true, but none that I've seen contain simple explanations and diagrams. For example, this book is full of wonderful illustrations that depict: a

timeline that begins with the feudal system and importing rice to Spain from the Middle East in 700 ACE to Christopher Columbus and the introduction of new food around 1493 ACE; what different food shops looked like; taverns and inns; and a two-page diagram (with numbers!) of a noble's feast; and many, many more. Every page in this book (there are 32 pages in every book in the series), is presented in full color, the pages colored to resemble parchment, and the illustrations done to wonderfully evoke the period. The "chapters" included are: Ideas About Food, Farming, Peasant's Food, Markets and Fairs, The Spice Trade, Eating in Towns, Food Shops, Cooking in the Castle, A Noble's Table, A Noble's Feast, Hunting, Hawking, and Fishing, Feasts and Fasts, Food in Other Cultures, Glossary and Index (wonderful to have!). If you're a writer, and you're looking for simple information on what medieval life looked like, this series of books can't be beat. To buy the entire series may be prohibitive, but if you have an idea of exactly what you want, this is a great starting point.

The series is wonderful for the intended reader (ages 9 - 12) and taken as a whole, gives a very comprehensive look at life in the middle ages. As a stand-alone book, however, it is very narrow in its scope. It deals exclusively with growing, acquiring, serving and beliefs about food during that time. While it has many lists of the kinds of food found in the area, along with who eats them and when, it does not have any descriptions of prepared dishes, and has only one recipe, which is basically melted cheese on crackers. For a child writing a report on food in the middle ages, this is a perfect book. For a child or adult wishing to host a recreation of a middle ages feast, this book is nearly useless. For a child who has just discovered a love of the middle ages, it is going to be the start of an expensive collection.

Good, back in print, good info for a starting place for any recipe researcher. Trying the recipes will give you a start on the types of spicing and cooking of that time period.

This is a book for children. It is OK. I wanted something better. I will pass it on to a child that I know.

I used this series of books for a quick and easy reference guide in case there was a little detail I couldn't remember or wasn't sure about. These do the trick!

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