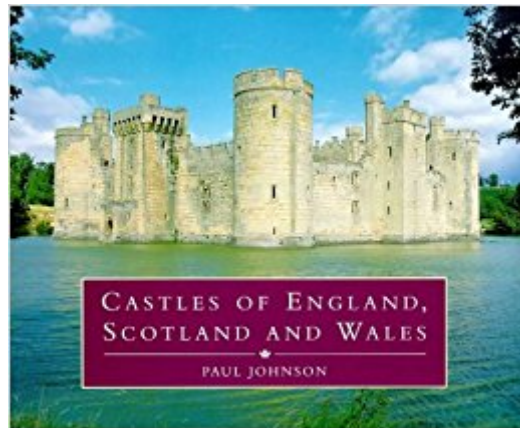




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Paul Johnson was born in 1928. He edited the New Statesman in the 1960s and has written over forty books. His Modern Times, a history of the world from the 1920s to the 1990s, has been translated into more than fifteen languages. As well as a weekly column in the Spectator, he contributes to newspapers all over the world.

This is a fine coffee-table book richly illustrated with an excellent text. It is hardly an exhaustive treatment of the topic, hence its four stars, but what Johnson sets out to accomplish (provide basic information concerning a particular class of castles) he does so quite admirably.

I was pleasantly surprised at the high quality of this book. Hundreds of wonderful pictures of the

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Book is in excellent condition. Thanks.

Beautiful pictures.

In the summer of 1999 I took my son on a tour of medieval English castles. To plan the trip I looked at a number of books to decide which castles to visit. This book, written with the sponsorship of English Heritage, describes the different types of castles (e.g.-keep, walled, moated) built throughout the history of England, Scotland and Wales, including where to find the best existing examples of each type. I used the map in the book to plot the locations of these castles, and chose eleven in London and the surrounding counties to go see. The castles we saw were the White Tower of the Tower of London, Framlingham, Orford, Colchester, Rochester, Canterbury, Dover, Bodiam, Great Hall of Winchester Castle, Wolvesey and Windsor. The book was of invaluable assistance--not only in making the selection, but in describing their history and most interesting features. The photography is fantastic. This book was the keystone to a once in a lifetime experience.

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