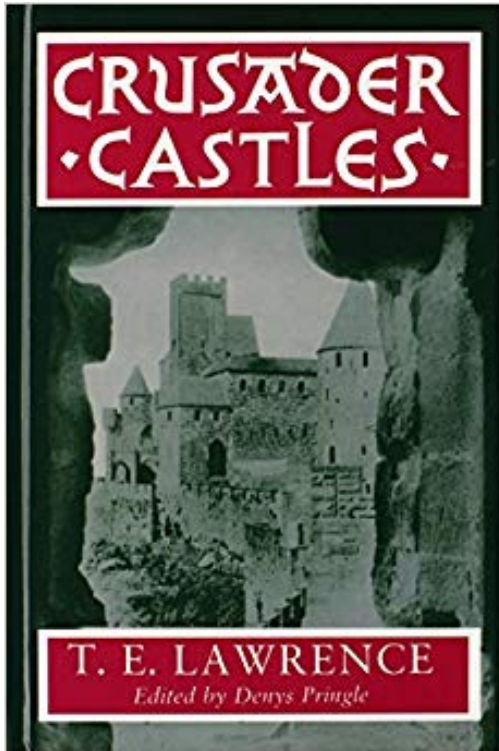


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This is a new edition (the first since 1936) of the classic text on Crusader castles and their relation to Western military architecture written by T.E. Lawrence in 1910. This volume reproduces Lawrence's text, drawings, and photographs; provides a new introduction, critical notes, and index; and reassesses in light of recent scholarship Lawrence's controversial claim that Crusader castles of the 12th century owed more to castles in the West than to anything the Franks found in the East, and that western military architecture absorbed little or nothing from the Orient before the 12th century.



Reviews of the *Crusader Castles* *by* Denys Pringle, T. E. Lawrence

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This is actually a copy of T. E. Lawrence's Master's Thesis on the topic. I have been searching for an affordable copy for over 50 years. It is awesome, with pictures he took, and sketches he made. He was researching the topic of whether military defensive architecture moved east to

west, or west to east. He had made extensive visits to castles in England and France, before he went to the middle East. Incredible insight, and brilliant research.

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Great price and glad I finally own a copy of this well known and regarded book.

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Nice find.

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Here you get the opportunity to really get close to better understanding T.E. Lawrence, then a upperclassman experiencing a grand and exciting a three month archeological study in 1910; in which he submitted a lengthy and complex thesis in obtaining a BA degree in Ancient History. Entitled "The Influence of the Crusades on European Military architecture to the end of the Twelfth Century."

At that period in Ancient Historical Archeological study, the prevailing assumption was that the architects and builders of Crusader period in Syria had been influenced more by the Byzantine castles of the East, than the Castle Architects and Castle builders of the Western European.

His education at Oxford was quite unique, and his perception and drawing as well as his notes were quite exemplary. I read a paperback copy loaned to me by a Oxford Scholar and Professor in my Ancient Languages class at University.

With great joy, Laurance defense of his Thesis was complete and compelling. It was not published until after T.E.'s death, and it sold well in Paperback across Europe and in the spring of 1936 in the USA.

. The the reader is constantly amazed at Lawrence's sheer physical energy expended in the necessary physical explorations. By foot + bike T.E. was able to visit, illustrate and photograph 36 of the 50 Crusader castles on his journeys in Syria alone - a journey of over 1,000 miles in about 90 days. He studied Arabic language with a tutor, and became quite good for his day to day travels and it certainly got much better in time. I'd recommend you get a copy of the paperback, as it's more affordable, yet you need to realise that this is more of a thesis, with footnotes and illustrations such works contain. It does allow the reader to see a unique side of T.E., in that is contacts some of his letters he wrote to his mama throughout this great adventure of his. And what an adventure! on this trip. If you are at all interested in better understanding Laurence in his earlier years as well as this first great archaeological study trip of his young life, you will not be disappointed. **STRONGLY RECOMMEND.**

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the book was poorly written and the pictures and images was not clear.

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