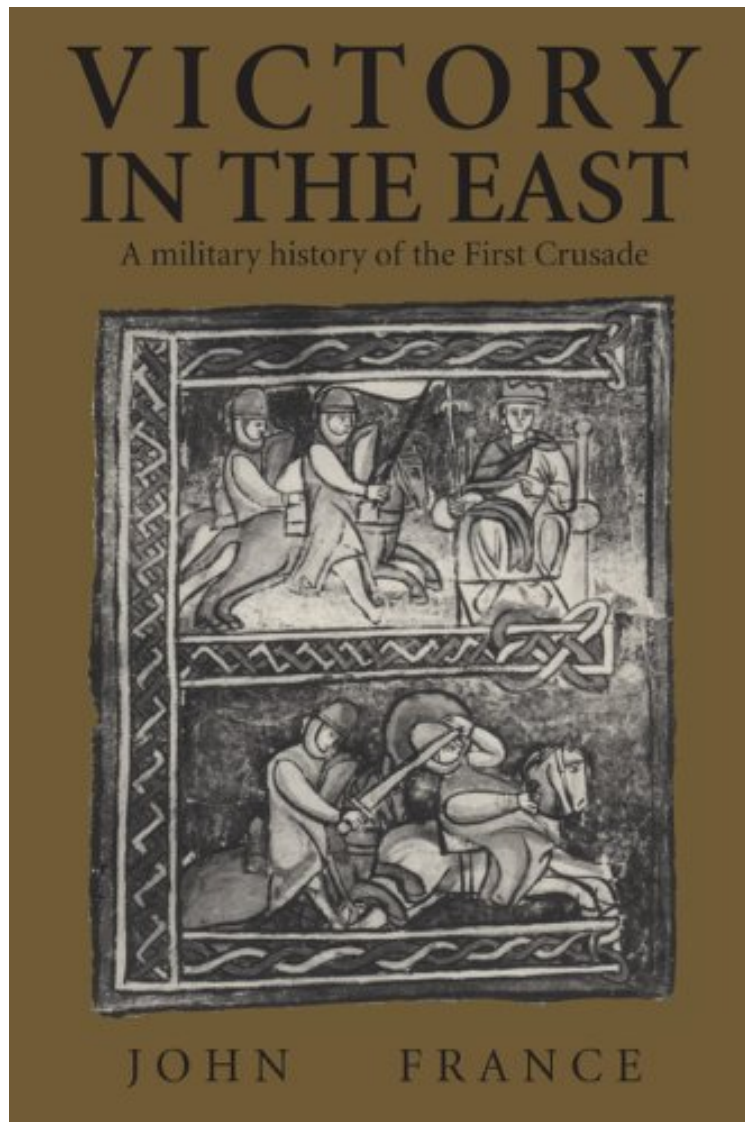


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent and Valuable Account from Military PerspectiveVon ElyonWhile this is certainly one of the best and most accurate works written about the First Crusade, I am unsure I can go so far as to agree with the previous reviewer that

it is the best. It is certainly thorough: the author has visited many of the sites and, where possible, reconstructed the battles in situ. While dedicated to a military perspective, he incorporates many elements, such as the religious and political antecedents, that provide the background necessary to any meaningful understanding of the crusaders' march into Syria and Palestine. As the author has made the effort to include many of the primary sources that to date remain untranslated, the Crusade chroniclers' accounts are more fully represented, allowing both the author and the reader to arrive at conclusions based upon a greater comparison and analysis of contemporary sources than is present in many other texts. Further, this is the first work I have come across that points out the significance of contribution made by Byzantine naval support, at least up to and including the siege of Antioch. As a military history this work is outstanding, marred only by the author's at times inelegant and unclear sentence structure. For some, this work may be long on military tactics. Also, the casual reader should be aware that this is primarily a military history, and does not consider comprehensively all the religious and political events that led up to and in part inform the First Crusade. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not just military history, but lucid exposition Von Susan Shwartz I first encountered this book at the Byzantine Center at Dumbarton Oaks. Six pages into it, I realized I had to own it. It is not just an invaluable account of a complicated time, but a superb military history, as effective to the novice as to the expert. Dr. French shows himself to have a gift for explaining strategy and tactics clearly and for setting them within a context of politics (war by other means, if I may invert Clausewitz's dictum) and religion. His diagrams are easy to understand, and his exposition of the siege of Antioch makes it readily comprehensible. A very valuable work for the specialist, scholar, writer, or serious reader. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A splendid work of military history and the best on Crusade 1 Von Ein Kunde This work will be regarded as a classic. It is the best work to date on the First Crusade.

Kurzbeschreibung The success of the First Crusade, and its capture of Jerusalem in 1099, has been conventionally explained in terms of its ideological and political motivation. This book looks at the First Crusade primarily as a military campaign and asks why it was so successful. Modern writing about the crusade has tended to emphasise the moral dimension and the development of the idea of the crusade, but its fate was ultimately decided on the field of battle. Victory in the East looks at the nature of war at the end of the eleventh century and the military experience of all the contending parties in order to explain its extraordinary success. It is the first such examination, taking into account all other factors but emphasising the military. Pressestimmen'... a major contribution ... France has done his field work as well as reading the chronicles, travelling the route of the First Crusade and visiting the main battlefields ... The book shows that scrupulously researched and intelligently written military history can shed light on many aspects of the First Crusade, and can be a delight to read in the process.' Hugh Kennedy, The Times Literary Supplement 'This is a compelling study which ... manages to be both scholarly and highly readable; it is even exciting in places. It is an outstanding book that deserves to be a classic text not only on the Crusades, but also on medieval warfare as a whole.' European of History ber das Produkt This book looks at the First Crusade as a military campaign and asks why it was successful. It looks at the nature of war at the end of the eleventh century and the military experience of all the contending parties in order to explain its extraordinary success.