

## PDF The Monastic achievement first

The Monastic Achievement My brother Michael got me this book for Christmas and when I started it I was thinking that somehow it would be a history of monasticism pure and simple. **EBook The Monastic achievement diary** In this volume of Thames & Hudson's Library of Medieval Civilization Zarnecki gives us the history of the monastic movement primarily interested in the art and architecture of the monastic world. **Book The Monastic achievements** In Chapter One Zarnecki begins his discussion with the biblical precedents for the ascetic life and the early Christian domestic forms of self-denial then moves to Sts Antony and Pachomius. **Book The Monastic achievements** My one important tweak of this section is that eastern monasticism is not all 'Basilian' the way Zarnecki talks about it as though every monastery followed Basil's Asketikon the same way Benedictines follow St Benedict's Rule. **Book The Monastic achievement house** [After the Insular section with some magnificently beautiful images of Celtic and Anglo-Saxon art we meet the Carolingians and the influence their Reform had on monasticism -- largely through regularisation and the spread of the Benedictines plus all that art. **Book The Monastic achievements** Chapter Two discusses the spread and development of Romanesque in the 11th century when there was a monastic revival and the spread of many beautiful buildings built along similar lines as well as the churches and art of the road to Compostela with a discussion of the mother house at Cluny as the culmination of Romanesque art. **Book The Monastic achievement diary** These were clergy who lived a common life but who were also active in parish ministry and life -- whereas the strictly-defined 'monk' lives only within the monastery walls and is truly 'cloistered' (a cloister is the covered walkway connecting the buildings of a monastery together). **Book The Monastic achievement hunter** Chapter Four brings us to the world of the Carthusians who are hermits who live together -- if you see a Charterhouse you'll note that in fact it is a series of small one-room house each with its own garden looking into a common area with a chapel. **Book The Monastic achievements** (I recommend the film Into Great Silence) And beside the Carthusians we learn of the warrior monks the Templars and Hospitallers and their role in protecting pilgrims and the monastic houses they built in Europe and the Middle East. **Book The Monastic achievements** Their place was being taken by the friars the Franciscans and Dominicans who also lived the ascetic communal life but who were preachers and much more active and visible in the community. **Book The Monastic achievements** English This book published in 1972 was intended to be a discussion of the flowering of medieval monastic artistry and it became instead a rather succinct history of the monastic (and later mendicant) movements of the Medieval Church roughly the fifth century to the sixteenth century with several chapters focusing on the visual art and the architecture of the movements. **Book The Monastic achievements** Regarding the latter I found particularly interesting how the order's particular rule and charism impacted their architecture--that is the majesty of the High Middle Ages' Benedictine abbeys particularly at Cluny compared with the Cistercian movement. **Book The Monastic achievement synonym** I also appreciated the author's ability to note irony: the Cistercians at first so opposed visual beauty (noting both its cost and fearful that it would move the soul away from Divine contemplation) but within three centuries a Cistercian artist left the abbey (although not the Order) to find more work. **Book The Monastic achievements** Many names--personal and geographical--are introduced some with the assumption that you know something of the fellow others I think with the idea that you ought and if you're reading this book you'll probably look up the fellows on your own. **Book The Monastic achievements** Overall I think the history portion of the work is excellent: there's not so much that the reader would get lost in the names and places but there is enough that the reader feels comfortable in that world. **EPub The Monastic achievement synonym** But it isn't -- probably because such a thing could hardly ever be written: **The Monastic Achievement book pdf** This book has five chapters: 'Monastic Origins' 'To the Limits of Christendom' 'The Return to Simplicity' 'Contemplation and Action' and 'Monastic Art

and Artists', **Book The Monastic achievement award** They move roughly chronologically from the Desert Fathers to the 1400s, **Book The Monastic achievements** The next patristic ascetic is St Basil 'the Great' of Caesarea who has been very influential in eastern Christian monasticism, **The Monastic Achievement kindle ebook** St Basil rejected the life of hermits having tried it himself because he did not see how a hermit could fulfil Christ's command to love one another. **EBook The Monastic achievement award** In reality eastern monasteries are usually independently organised and the monastery follows a rule established by its founding abbot, **The Monastic Achievement ebook pdf** They do tend to be very similar and are inspired by St Basil but they are not 'Basilian' in the way the adjective makes it sound. **The Monastic Achievement pdf book** The main focus of this book however is western monasticism in the Middle Ages so Zarnecki makes his way West very quickly discussing the early patristic sources for western monasticism, **Book The Monastic achievements** This takes about a page and then more extensive discussion of St Benedict ensues. **Book The Monastic achievement hunter** After St Benedict we are introduced to Irish Monasticism the earliest monasteries of which leave us some very interesting archaeological remains with their bee-hive huts: **Book The Monastic achievements** Then comes St Augustine of Canterbury and the Benedictines in England. **Book The Monastic achievement house** [Aside] As is usual with many Anglophone books about the Middle Ages a lot of attention is paid to England throughout the book, **The Monastic Achievement kindle book** I don't mind this although England is not intrinsically more interesting than other places in Europe: **Book The Monastic achievements** It is simply a reflection of the knowledge and interests of Anglophone writers publishers and their audience, **Book The Monastic achievement award** After the Carolingians comes the period of the Romanesque and the Order of Cluny: **The Monastic Achievement pdf free download** Chapter Three discusses the reform movements above all the Cistercians who are the most successful. **Book The Monastic achievement of john** These movements sought to return to the simplicity of the original Rule of St Benedict, **The Monastic Achievement kindle book** Accordingly their art and architecture tended to be quite plain -- original Cistercian church buildings are square (no round apse!) and have no bell-tower: **Book The Monastic achievement unlocked** Their manuscripts tend not to have decoration or -- if they do -- it is usually simple flower motifs (although Zarnecki gives us some striking examples that break such ideals): **Book The Monastic achievement diary** Meanwhile in the mid-11th century canons following the Rule of St Augustine were organised, **Book The Monastic achievements** Carthusians are the most austere monks -- they all take a vow of perpetual silence: **Book The Monastic achievements** Also mentioned are the Teutonic Knights who did some ample conquering in north-central Europe, **Book The Monastic achievements** We also meet the successors to the monks -- in the 13th century the heyday of monasticism was really over in Europe, **Book The Monastic achievement award** The world was now Gothic and the great architecture was now found in the cathedrals and parish churches not in the abbeys and abbey churches: **Book The Monastic achievements** While monasteries would continue to produce and commission great art and architecture their high point in such cultural influence was gone: **Book The Monastic achievement house** Much art that we associate with the monasteries will actually have been created by lay craftsmen in the employ of the monastery but the content will have been set. **The Monastic Achievement epublising** There are however some famous monk-artists and it is evident that some of them were able to work in multiple media: **Kindle The Monastic achievement house** Throughout Zarnecki discusses the art and architecture of the different orders and parts of western Europe under discussion, **Book The Monastic achievements** When tenable he shows the relationship between an order's ideals and its art, **EBook The Monastic achievement award** The book is accordingly full of pictures which I found to be very useful as well as very lovely, **Book The Monastic achievement unlocked** Not only did I meet many interesting monastic persons while reading this book I saw so much great art, **Book The Monastic achievements** In total there are 19 colour plates and 109 black and white illustrations: **The Monastic Achievement ebooks online** The book's prose flows well throughout its approximately 140 pages with just the right amount of depth for a synopsis of monasticism: **PDF The Monastic**

**achievement unlocked** Too the text is replete with examples of the art work and architecture each numbered sequentially throughout the text for easy reference: **Book The Monastic achievements** I enjoyed the read learned quite a bit and I intend to make use of it in my own course on the history of the Catholic Church. [End aside. Manuscript production was moving to secular scriptoria. Finally Chapter Five discusses monks and monk-art. I recommend it. English

