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Fearless and loyal, honorable and courteous, the ideal knight of the Middle Ages was a model for six centuries of European noblemen. At first his deeds were celebrated in verse by the minstrels who entertained the courts of kings. Later they formed the subject of prose romances. Even when the chivalric code had fallen into decay, the stories lived on to inspire new interpretations.

The legends and romances in this magical selection reflect a multitude of ages and traditions. From the northern French court of Charlemagne comes the epic of Roland and the battle of Roncesvalles, from Wales and Brittany the tales of King Arthur and the Round Table. Spain is represented by Beltenebros and Esplandian.

A lucid and engaging survey of the legends of medieval Europe, this book will appeal to everyone with an interest in the great age of chivalry.

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Lindsay Stares says

Facinating. Picked this up at the library. the first half is mostly academic. Picture an academic of 1913 looking back at the age of chivalry through the lens of its time. And then he starts to analyse Cervantes. The layers! The second half is a collection of period "romances", yes, a bit prettied up, mostly just made readable, (at least that's the author's claim). Very enjoyable read.

Nikki says

A little collection of stories focusing on romance/chivalry. A lot of stuff I knew already, of course: it's more instructive for people who don't focus on medieval literature at university, I think.

Sarah (Gutierrez) Myers says

I read these stories aloud to my family on the way to church. I'm not sure whether tales of knights and ladies, strange giants who could put their heads back on after they were chopped off, and nasty magicians were necessarily always the best preparation for worship, but the kids loved them. (And hey, there were some about great piety in there...granted, those sometimes involved slaying the impious saracens....)
