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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

This vibrant chronicle unravels the intertwined politics of Jews, Muslims and Christians over the centuries. Sinclair, historian (*The Sword and the Grail*), biographer and novelist, maintains that the three major monotheisms all embraced the idea of the elect, the Chosen People of God, which led to their continual conflict, misunderstandings and clashes for control of Jerusalem, which each faith claimed as a holy city. Beginning with King David's construction of a capital city in Jerusalem around 1000 B.C., through the Crusades down to current tensions between Jews and Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, he weaves a stirring narrative encompassing the Knights Templars' transmission of oriental mysticism and sacred architecture to the West, Masonic rites and practices, the 12th-century Muslim terrorist sect of Assassins, medieval persecution of Jews in Western Europe, and Israel's wars with Arab states. Sinclair writes with impartiality and rueful historic perspective about a city "always more of a vision than a fact, a dream that could only lead to a sad awakening." Photos.

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From Library Journal

Sinclair (*The Sword and the Grail*, LJ 9/15/92) has written a rambling, repetitive account of the relationship between Jerusalem and the crusading impulse. Burial place of Adam and the site of Solomon's Temple, Christ's passion, and Muhammad's ascent to the Seventh Heaven, Jerusalem had become a focus of devotion for three world religions by the early medieval period. Christians and Muslims became involved in a series of wars, known in the West as the Crusades, fought for possession of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. The most interesting part of this work concerns the Order of the Templars, a body of knights dedicated to protecting Christian interests in the Holy Land. Sinclair conveys the real enthusiasm he seems to have for the Templars. Although parts of this book are entertaining, it is not an essential library purchase.

Robert Andrews, Duluth P.L., Minn.

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From the Inside Flap

Andrew Sinclair details the struggle for the Holy City from its foundation to the modern era as he tells the fascinating story of the Crusade that in fact continues in our own time. **Illustrations.**

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