# **European Medieval Tactics (1): The Fall and Rise of Cavalry 450-1260**

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#### **Comments:**

This book covers the apparent rise to battlefield dominance of cavalry from the late Roman period to the High Middle Ages. That discussion is fascinating in its own right and handled with assurance as you would expect from such an experienced author. The explanations of tactics themselves are also interesting 6 you will emerge with a pretty rounded knowledge of how cavalry operated against infantry and against other cavalry. Well worth reading, especially if you also read volume 2 (Elite 189) which covers the rise of infantry from 1260-1500.

-- Paul Le Long

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