

Italian Medieval Armies 1300-1500

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Comments:

This period, of course, includes the time of the (in)famous Italian Condottieri, the mercenary troops that dominated the Italian peninsula in the late Middle Ages. Unusual for many other MAA books, this one contains information about several military campaigns. There are also the standard photos of sculptures and military architecture, plus line drawings of weaponry and copies of period art work, showing costumes of the times. A valuable quick reference book for anyone interested in an overview of the period.

--George Arnold

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