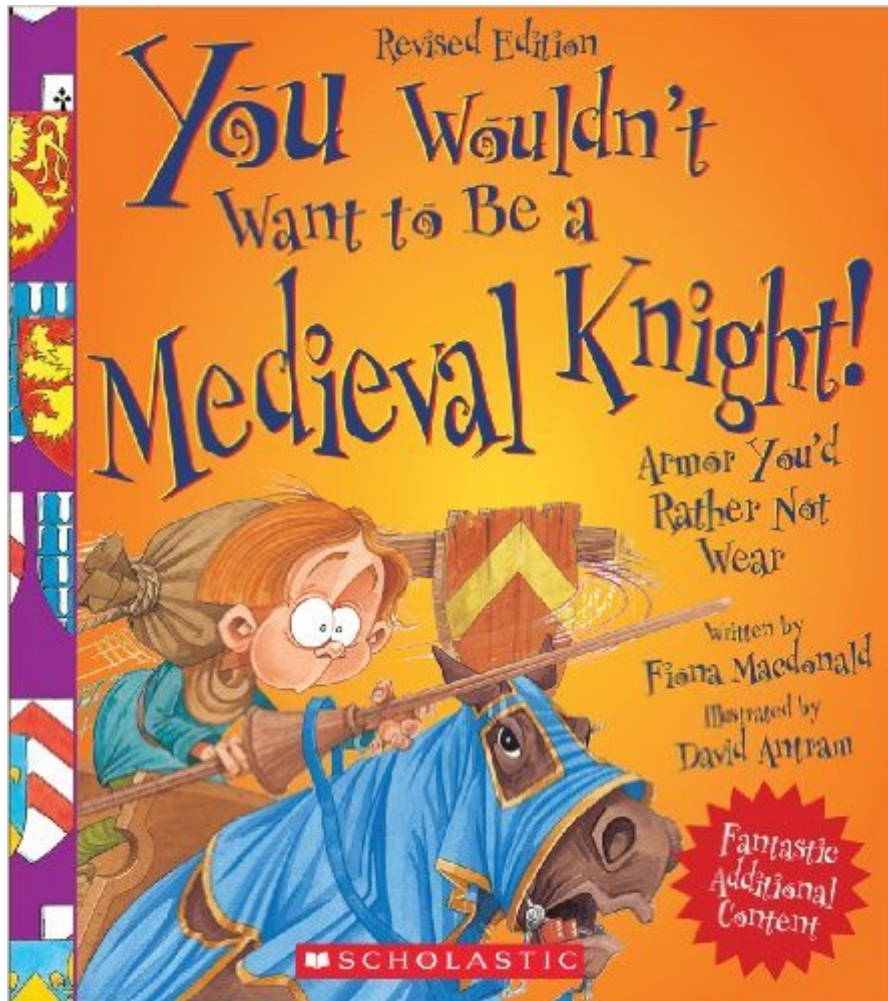


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# You Wouldn't Want To Be A Medieval Knight! (Revised Edition)



## Synopsis

Being a knight in shining armor is not as glamorous as it looks. Follow the progress of a young English boy at the beginning of the 15th century as he goes through the rigorous training to become a knight, and faces the dangers of sieges and jousts. This new extended edition includes a map, a timeline of the Crusades, and a selection of exciting facts.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is part of the excellent children's series, "You wouldn't want to be a," in this case, Medieval knight, that examines history. Fiona Macdonald has cut herself a nice niche with a style that is fun for learning. The Cambridge University educated author does a good job of making history interesting for children by appealing to their instincts. The idea is that you the reader are the person, in this book, the knight. The young student will learn in this book the various details of knighthood, including the expected behavior and duties. The book explains how if you choose to be a knight you will begin training at age eight. The young student will learn about life in the castle, armor and battle gear. Also the role of the Crusades is exposed to the student. What is clever about the presentation is how the author brings up the harshness of the situations, hence, the you wouldn't want to be knight line. For example, for the page on the Crusade, at the bottom of each page, a series of small comical drawings explain things like fleas, snakes, shipwrecks and

seasickness that you would encounter as a knight. The author goes on to explain the risky nature of being a knight. She explains most don't live to be 50 years old and all the possible things that you can die from. Again, in small pictures, such things as frostbite, heatstroke, battle, dysentery or prison are listed as possible causes of early death. There are handy hints for the student to not be concerned about the risks because if you die abroad your friends will pickle your body and bring it home. It is these gross details that appeals to the young student. The gross factor always makes students like the story, even if it is history. Included is a nice glossary.

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