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The essays of this collective volume edited by Mathias Piana (Augsburg) and Christer Carlsson (Stockholm) are based on the papers that were presented during the fifth Military Orders Conference at Cardiff in 2009 – altogether ten papers with an introduction. After the well-written „Introduction: History and Archaeology“ (pp. 1–6) from Anthony Luttrell, the volume contains four contributions to „Part I: The Hospitaller Order/The Order of Malta“ (pp. 7–82), three articles in „Part II: The Templar Order“ (pp. 83–174) and three papers in „Part III: The Teutonic Order“ (pp. 175–250). The volume is complemented by 77 black-and-white illustrations and an useful index to names and places (pp. 251–262).

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