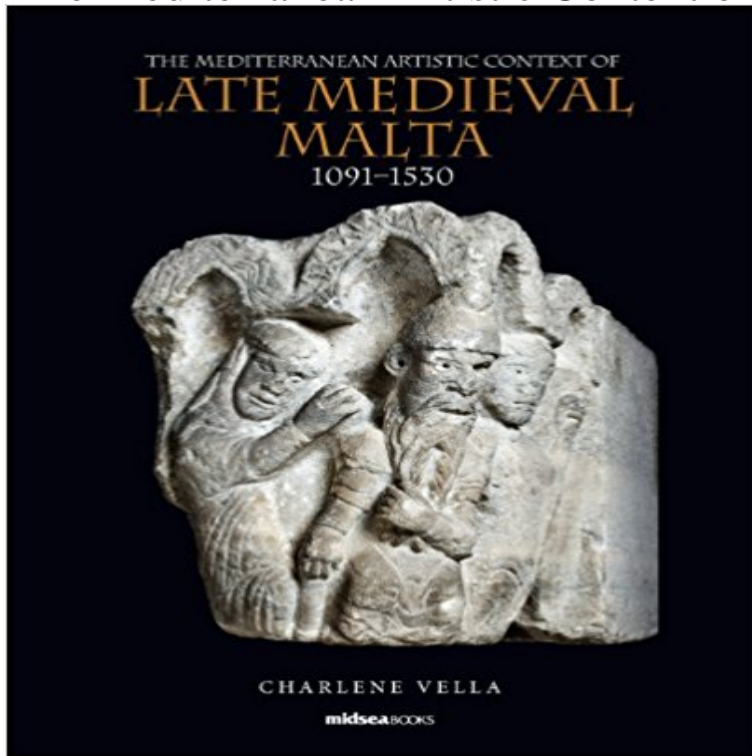


## The Mediterranean Artistic Context of Late Medieval Malta, 1091-1530



This book studies the Mediterranean context of art and architecture in the Maltese Islands between 1091, when they made their first contact with the newly imposed Norman government of Sicily and South Italy, and 1530, when they passed under the control of the Knights of St John. A primary concern has been to establish a meaningful politico-economical and socioreligious context to the art and architecture of a period that can be loosely called Late Medieval. This was a time when the islands were very much a melting pot of cultural cross-currents blowing from Islamic North Africa and Latin Christian Europe. The coming together of these different and often antagonistic cultural traditions lie at the root of the Maltese national identity. This study also shows that influences came not only from Sicily, South Italy and North Africa, but also from more distant Mediterranean regions and sometimes from quite unexpected sources. The presumed sources of influence are discussed in a meaningful art historical context, but allowance is made for geophysical and climatic factors that sometimes produced similar architectural and settlement pattern solutions. Another important focus is to show that Malta before the Knights was not the artistic desert that it is often thought to have been. There was an important divide in lifestyle and artistic preoccupations of the gentry and professional and artisan classes of the Civitas, the Castrum Maris and the Gozo Castello, and their suburbs on the one hand, and the beduini of the countryside. It shows that artistic patronage could sometimes be surprisingly well-informed and that the Renaissance had already manifested itself on the islands well before the coming of the Knights in 1530.

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offer on our house we accepted we accepted i. We found a house to live in and put an offer on the the table and after a little negotiation we can to an acceptable and agreeable offer. After a very painful moving process, which lasted 33 day after the original closing date we finally closed.I quit my part time teaching job. Now I get to stay at home with Roarie and substitute teach every now and then.Posted by Mrs. Stacie Christner at 8:13 AM Reactions: 75 comments: Friday, April 27, 2012Education CutsOne of the most important things in life is to have a good education. Teaching is the only occupation that shapes our country. We teachers touch every life from the farmer to the lawyer, to the CEO of some big company. Granted you may not use everything that learn in the classroom but the structure, respect, responsibility, social skills and time management are life skills that are used everyday.The frustrating thing about being a teacher is the lack of money put into education. I am not complaining about how much money I make because teachers do not go into teaching. What I am complaining about is teachers getting cut, class sizes are getting bigger, and yet we still get the same pay. The schools who have the money have the money get the technology and the good test scores. The better the test scores the more money you get. So if you a poor school you don't get the technology and yet you don't get any money for the low test scores. So the rich get richer and the poor get poor.Needless to say, I have gotten word from the school superintendent that my special education position is being cut. I am still going to have a teaching job being a part time American History teacher. Which I am glad that I am getting into the general education setting and that I get to be a part time stay-at-home mom but at the same time I wish I had a full time, paying job.Posted by Mrs. Stacie Christner at 7:39 PM Reactions: 24 comments: Sunday, April 15, 2012Manners Meal Every year, the Colfax-Mingo Middle School does what they call manners meal. Grades six through eight take a field trip to a designed location and practice using good dining manners. So on Friday, April 13, 2012, we went some where local, the Colfax Historical Building for our dining. Before we go to on our trip the staff reviews what it is to have good manners. There are so many manners to cover and sometime we just assume that it will happen but it doesn't. Here are a few manners that we covered: Appearance- The students were to Shower, which as middle school students it is a challenge for some, and use soapFix hair up niceWear dress clothes- dresses, dress pants, dress shirtWear minimal make-upWear minimal perfume or cologneTable Setting-Silverware start on the outside and work your way in and the fork at the top of plate is the desert forkThe drink is off to your leftWaiting for others-Wait for everyone to arrive to your table before seating yourselfWait for everyone to get their food before you begin eatingTable Talk-Speak softly to the people at your tableDo not interruptDo not talk about bodily functions (farts, pooping, etc.)Say "Please", "Thank you.", "You're welcome.", "Pardon me" Some things we took for granted and expected the students to know were:Keep elbows off the tableKeep elbows as close to your sides as possible when eatingKeep hands to your self (which is hard to do for middle school students)Listen to speaker (which is hard to do in the classroom too)Pass dinner rolls and salad dressing all around the tablePosted by Mrs. Stacie Christner at 4:57 PM Reactions: 18 comments: Labels: education, Teacher AdviceMonday, April 9, 2012Roarie Meets her CousinsRoarie is 7 weeks old and finally got to meet half of her cousins yesterday at Easter. 18 comments: Labels: personalOlder Posts HomeSubscribe to: Posts (Atom) About MeMrs. Stacie ChristnerI am a second year Special Education teacher at Colfax-Mingo Middle school. 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