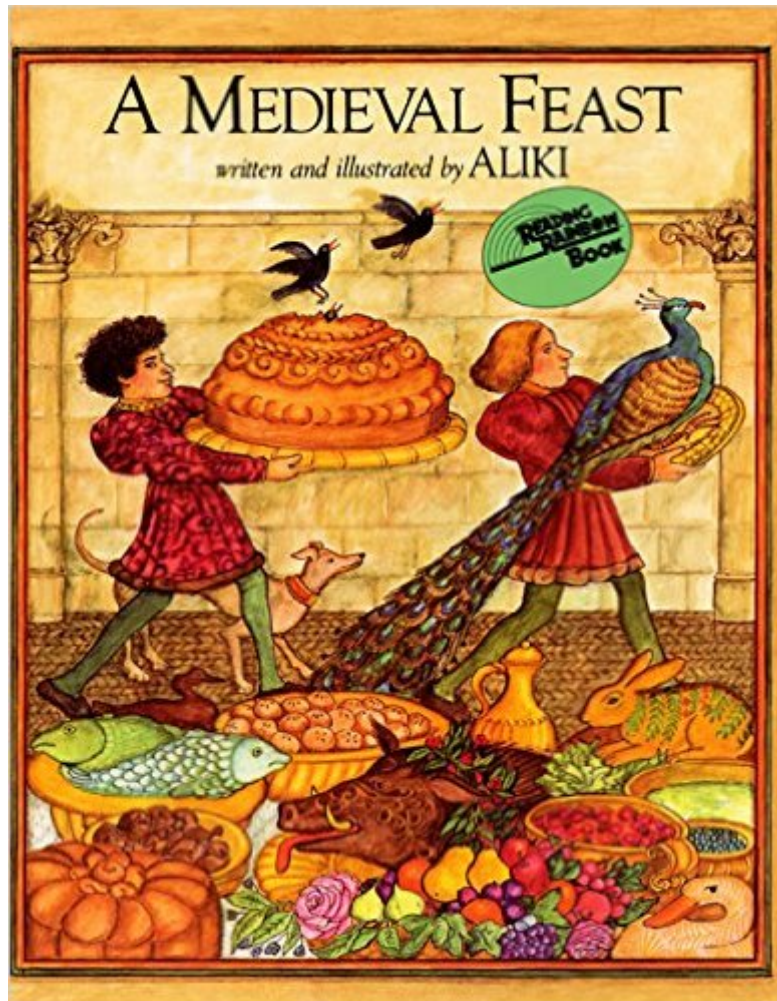


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# A Medieval Feast (Reading Rainbow Books)



## Synopsis

A beautifully illustrated, award-winning, and fascinating look at the Middle Ages by Aiki, the beloved creator of many popular books for children. The King is coming to visit! The lord and lady of Camdenton Manor must work quickly to prepare for his arrival. It will take weeks to ready rooms, set up tents, and prepare the feast itself. Everyone is busy hunting and hawking, brewing and churning.   
â œA veritable feast of a book.â •â ”School Library Journal  
This nonfiction picture book about life in medieval times features detailed illustrations to explore again and again. â œA sumptuous look at the gastronomic inclinations of nobility in the Middle Ages is parlayed into a fascinating story about an upcoming visit to Camdenton Manor by the king and his large retinue.â •â ”Booklist  
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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

## Customer Reviews

This is a wonderful non-fiction history picturebook for children interested in Medieval times. Aiki's illustrations reflect her thorough research and attention to detail. I love this book. My children pull it out from the book shelves over and over. They love to see a lord and lady and all their servants busily preparing a magnificent feast for the King and Queen who soon will be travelling through their

land and resting at their Manor. Alikí's illustrations and descriptions tell amazing amounts of information, herbs grown and used in Medieval times, the architecture, and characters wearing historically-accurate fashions. The pictures show tools, cookware, utensils, landscapes of the countryside, a brickoven, a flourmill with a waterwheel, livestock, a vineyard, a well, butterchurns, tapestries, wild animals caught for the feast, honeybeehives, vegetable gardens, and all of the servants and the lord and lady busily preparing for the king and queen's arrival. This little book is an excellent illustrated resource. I read a review about this book given by another customer who bought the book looking for recipes. Because the customer ordered without reading the description of the book first, she was disappointed to find that she had actually ordered a non-fiction history book for children. I am annoyed that this customer decided to rate this book with one star because she mis-ordered. The title isn't misleading, it describes exactly what the book is about, a medieval feast. It's wonderful.

The lord and and lady of Camdenton Manor are dismayed when they learn the King and his party are coming to stay with them, they know what a lot of work this will mean for everybody. Throughout the book you see everyone working like mad to get the manor ready in time. Delightful pictures show all the work involved in stocking up with food, hunting, fishing, harvesting, brewing, baking, men, women and children all joining in with the work. The pictures are full of fascinating details of the lives of medieval people, nobles and commoners alike. Any child interested in history should enjoy this book, if you don't have a child, buy it for yourself. Warning: This is NOT a cookery book! (see first review)

Another hit by Alikí. Alikí has the gift of ushering the reader into another place and time when she writes of history long past. In "A Medieval Feast" she takes the reader into the life of a Lord as he prepares a spectacular feast for all the senses of his king. We see the gorgeous fabrics for clothing, the tents & tapestries, the hunting, the house cleaning and the cooking. We sense the air of anticipation as the king finally arrives. Then we long to taste those fanciful foods we have only just read about: the Cockatrice, trenchers, and Subtleteys. Maybe we are even tempted to use our little fingers to dispense salt on our food. It is with longing we watch the feasting. Then she ends our feast with a huge dose of reality: When the king announced he was going to visit a lord, the lord was struck with fear. To host the king meant he could quite possibly lose his entire fortune as many before him had done. This is the beauty of Alikí, she brings the magic of the past to the present but won't neglect to remind us that it's opulence had a price and consequences. And yet the magic is

not broken...it still lingers in our senses like the scent of a lovely perfume.Wonderfully done!

This book will be used to supplement our history and literature Medieval studies in homeschooling two of our grandchildren. It will not tell you how to cook a Medieval meal, but tells the story of what goes on when a family prepares for for a feast. It's a colorful book, well illustrated, and I believe the children will enjoy reading it. In looking through it, I suspect my 7 year old grandson will be able to read it on his own with a little help on unfamiliar words, but I will probably read it to the children the first time.

We loved pouring over the detailed illustrations that were inspired/informed by medieval tapestries. A great slice of medieval life, especially for my daughter that is not all that interested in knights/princesses/dragons. The preparations for a feast is a brilliant way to get in so much info! Loved this one.

This was one of my favorite books to check out from the library as a kid. I loved the illustrations and imagining what it must have been like to participate in a medieval feast! I recently decided to buy this book for my kids and they loved it too! It was fun to talk about all the different aspects of the illustrations and to read them the story. Afterwards they were very excited to tell my husband about the book and I have seen them looking through the book on their own. I'm glad to be able to share this book with my kids.

If it says "A Reading Rainbow Book," it is not a cookbook for adults! For pity's sake.....You can also use the Look Inside feature to check out the book. I just did; I am delighted at the detailed, gorgeous illuminations (was not expecting different from Alike) and am ordering for my young knightly grandsons. I know they will spend many hours examining the pictures.

Really enjoyed reading this with my 7 and 4 year old. The art work tells a story in itself and adds to the narrative. I wonderful little insight to medieval life.

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