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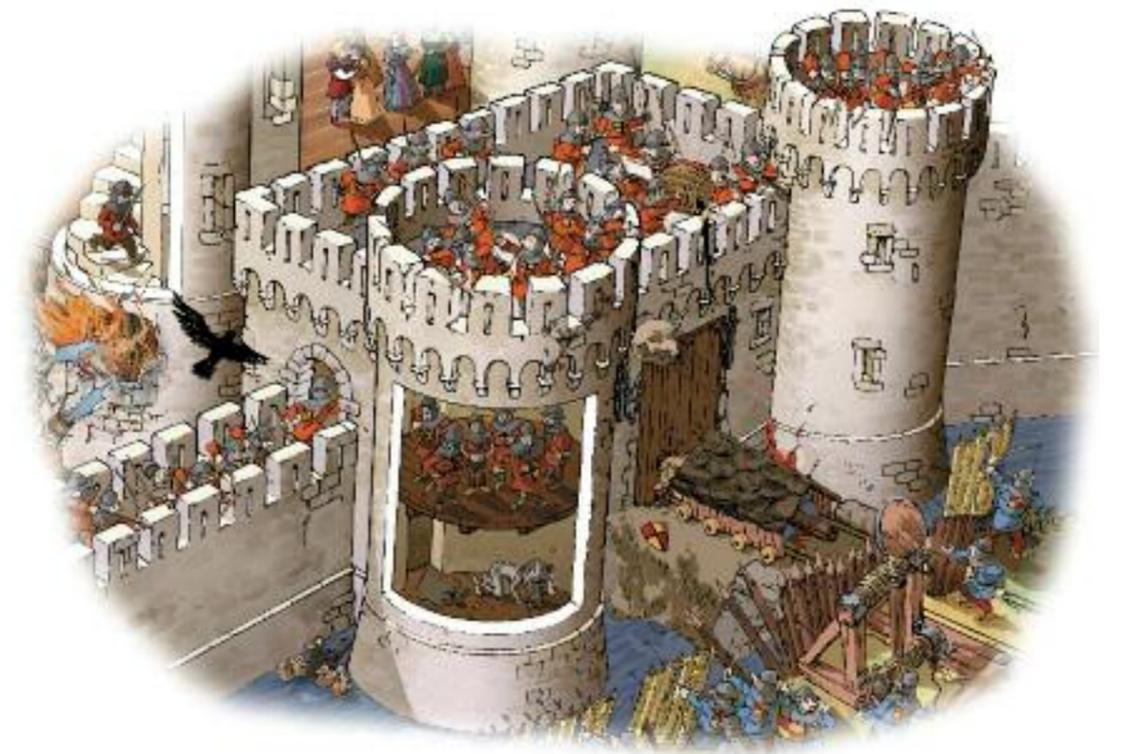
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A YEAR IN A CASTLE



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Introduction



You can follow all the various comings and goings in the castle as the weeks pass. The calendar at the top left-hand corner of each double page is there to tell you which month you've reached.

There are some people or things that appear on every page. Look out especially for the lord and lady of the castle, the families of mice and ducks, a naughty thief and a prisoner trying to dig his way out!



Along the bottom of every scene you will see some little pictures, each with a label to tell you what they are. They can all be found somewhere in the busy scene. But where? That's your job to find them! How many can you spot?



THIS IS THE STORY of a year in the life of a castle. All the illustrations in this book show exactly the same view. But each one shows a different time of year. Lots of things happen during this single year. Some of them are quite unexpected.





A new castle has just been built. The lord and his family are moving in. All over the castle, people unload stores. In the Great Hall

the servants are trying – not very successfully – to hang the lord’s expensive tapestries. Outside, in the inner bailey, a cart has collapsed under the weight of its load of grain sacks. Guards laugh as someone takes a dip in the moat!



a guard



a horse



a nesting bird



a fire



a thief



a well



a man with a cart



some pigs



some pots and pans





A market is being held in the grounds of the castle. Local people come to buy food. They are entertained by a stilt-walker and a sword swallower. Inside the castle, the lord greets his cousin who has come to visit. He wants his daughter to marry the lord's son and has brought expensive gifts. In the chapel the priest tries to teach a class of children, but they do not listen!



a priest



some guards playing chess



some musicians



a sleeping guard



a jester on stilts



a sword swallower



some ducks



a man selling potions



ladies-in-waiting



Let's find



The lord is holding a jousting tournament for knights from across the land. During the tournament the knights will show off their archery and hawking skills as well. The knights joust in the outer bailey at the rear of the castle. They carry lances and try to knock each other off their horses. Some knights have been injured. In the kitchen they are baking a huge cake.



a hawk



a knight



cooks icing a cake



a knight on horseback



archers



a lady getting dressed



spectators



a man on a stretcher



a target



Let's find



May

A huge feast is being held in the Great Hall. The lord and lady sit at the head of the table. They and their guests are entertained by jesters and acrobats.

There is chaos in the kitchen as the cooks prepare the food. The servants scurry across the inner bailey in the rain to serve the guests. Upstairs, the maids try on the lady's clothes.



a jester



the lord and lady



a horse and carriage



some children playing



a man carrying food



an owl



some mice eating cheese

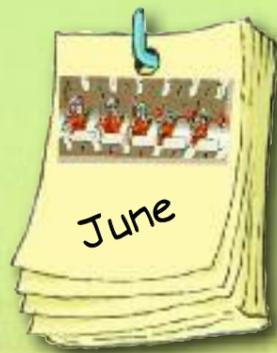


some acrobats



some maids trying on clothes





Suddenly the castle comes under attack. Guards quickly raise the drawbridge to protect the castle. They fire arrows at the enemy.

Inside the walls, the peasants are being trained to defend the castle. In the Great Hall, guards tell the lord what is happening. A few enemy soldiers have got into the kitchen. The servants evict them from the castle.



Let's find

a catapult



a bow and arrow



a guard falling off his horse



a maid fainting



a priest hiding gold



an enemy soldier



a battering ram



a peasant being trained



a man putting a fire out





The siege has now been going on for several months. The guards have put up hoarding around the walls to help defend the castle. The enemy soldiers fire burning arrows and try to climb over the walls using a belfry. Everyone inside the castle is short of food. Many are injured and the Great Hall has been turned into a makeshift hospital.



a bandaged man



a flaming arrow



a belfry



hoardings



a guard getting supplies



people praying



an injured guard



guards fighting



a rescue





The siege is over at last. The guards finally managed to defeat the enemy. Work begins on repairing the castle. More supplies are being brought in. There is now plenty to eat again. The lord makes some men who fought bravely during the siege into knights. He suspects others of stealing from him, so a court is held. Those found guilty are locked in the cells.



Let's find

some builders



a maid sweeping



a man being made a knight



a man shovelling



moving boulders



some prisoners



chopping wood



a thatcher repairing the roof



children play-fighting





The lord holds a Christmas feast to celebrate the siege victory. Some of the local peasants are invited.

A few are very greedy!

Upstairs, the lady catches the thief. Outside, some travelling players perform a nativity play. Some children (and some guards) build snowmen. The guards on the walls throw snowballs at each other. One guard notices that the prisoner has escaped.



a goose



a child skating



a snowman



a nativity play



some guards warming up



a fox



a prisoner trying to escape



some actors



a bread-seller



