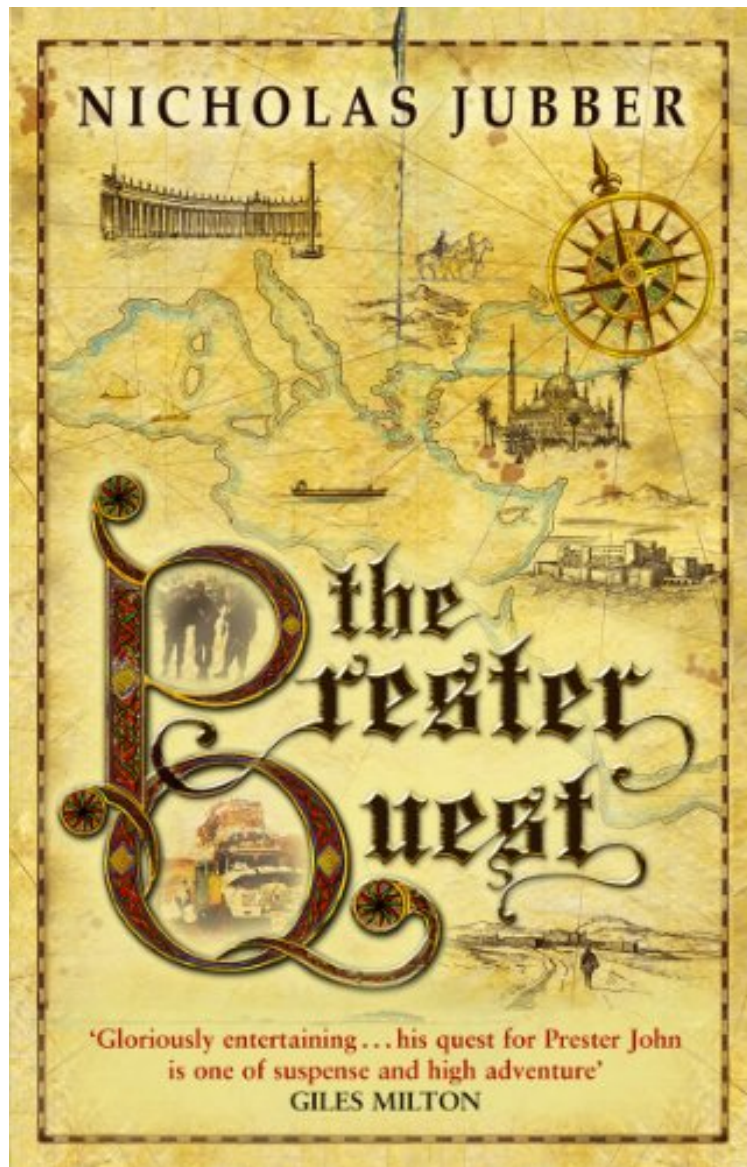


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can be obscure, impossible to comprehend, or just plain below par, and yes it does really help if one knows a LOT about the Crusades, and has travelled in Turkey, Syria, and Ethiopia, but Jubber does come up with some quite funny bon mots, and the section on the Sudan is great. And the whole read is worth it for the section on the Palestinians vs the Israelies which he gets spot on. It will linger, the scenes and well painted characters, in your mind. Lots of fascinating historical anecdote. Along with a very sympathetic narrator. Recommended. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Interesting read! By Lorraine P. Zigman I have just started reading this book, and am already fascinated by it. I am, by nature, always curious about ancient history and/or myths/legends such as Prester John. Whether or not he actually ever existed is anyone's guess. However, this will definitely be a 'good read'. The author, Nicholas Jubber, shows his own incredibly wonderful sense of humor from the beginning. I would highly recommend this for anyone who has an inquisitive mind and enjoys exploring, via books, a long ago mysterious person who, whether in fact of myth, sparked the interest of all and sundry including Pope Alexander III in 1177.

In 1177, Pope Alexander III wrote a letter to the legendary Priest-King of the Indies, Prester John. As his emissary he chose his physician Master Philip. No one knew where the elusive monarch's kingdom lay (or whether he even existed), but Master Philip was undeterred and set out from Rome...and was never heard of again. Centuries later Nick Jubber found a copy of the Pope's letter and conceived a plan: to complete Master Philip's mission and deliver the letter, albeit eight hundred and twenty four years late. Crammed full of arcane history and learned trivia, both ancient and modern, *The Prester Quest* is the author's colourful account of a remarkable journey that began in Italy, encompassed the Middle East and ended in Ethiopia, at the subterranean tomb of a medieval king. Combining a young man's enthusiasm with an historian's understanding of time and place and a traveller's eye for the people and places he meets on the way, it's an ebullient, extremely readable (and somewhat eccentric) account of an extraordinary adventure.