



## The Devil's Acolyte: A Knights Templar Adventure

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Simon & Schuster. 1 Paperback(s), 2013. soft. Book Condition: New. In this 13th Knights Templar mystery (following The Sticklepath Strangler), the residents of 1322 Tavistock believe they are witnessing a repeat of one of their most gruesome folktales that of the murders on the Abbot's Way. Many years before, a young acolyte had encouraged some of his fellow novices to steal the Abbot's wine; when he committed a murder to replenish the stocks and hide his crime, the devil supposedly took him for his own. Now Abbot Robert has found the abbey's wine barrel empty, and a body is discovered on the moors. Bailiff Simon Puttock soon finds that more than wine has been stolen, but can his friend Sir Baldwin Furnshill keep the devil from returning to Tavistock? Since The Last Templar appeared more than 20 years ago, Michael Jecks has given us a rare and realistic view of England in the early 14th century through the adventures of Sir Baldwin, a former Knight Templar, and his friend Simon Puttock, bailiff of Lydford Castle. Jecks depicts a time of enormous change, as the language of authority shifted from French to English, the feudal system was broken, new towns sprang up,...



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