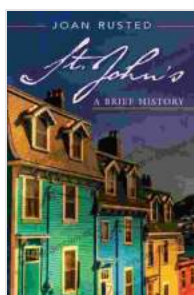


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Driven by a deep sense of religious fervor and a commitment to protecting the Christian faith, the Hospitallers played a pivotal role in the defense of the Holy Land against Muslim armies. Their bravery on the battlefield earned them both admiration and fear, shaping the course of history in the eastern Mediterranean.



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The Hospitallers embarked on an ambitious building program, constructing magnificent fortifications, palaces, and churches. Valletta, the capital city of Malta, remains a testament to their architectural prowess and military ingenuity. Under the Knights' rule, Malta became a center of trade, culture, and learning, attracting merchants, scholars, and artists from across Europe.



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The siege was one of the most epic battles in history, with both sides suffering heavy losses. In the end, the Knights emerged victorious, repelling the Ottoman invasion and securing their hold on Malta. The Great Siege cemented the Knights' reputation as indomitable warriors and strengthened their position as a major power in the Mediterranean.



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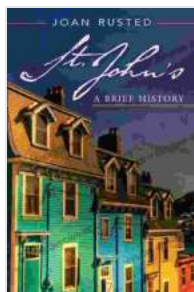
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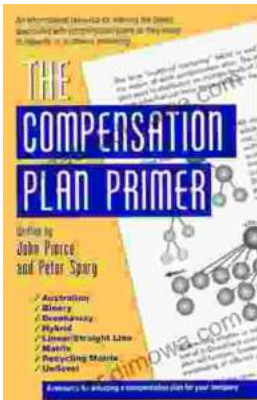
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