

l'Abbaye des morts



User Manual

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Introduction

In the 13th century, the Cathars, clerics who preached about the poverty of Christ and defended life without material aspirations, were treated as heretics by the Catholic Church and expelled out of the Languedoc region in France. One of them, called Jean Raymond, found an old church in which to hide from crusaders, not knowing that beneath its ruins lay buried an ancient evil.

How to launch the game

Floppy

Switch on the floppy drive, then the computer. Insert the floppy in your disk drive and at the READY prompt type :

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then press ENTER.

Cartridge

Make sure to power off your computer before inserting the cartridge. Once you have inserted the game in the cartridge port at the back, switch the computer on. The game will automatically start.

Digital

If you plan to play the game using an emulator, we recommend the use of Vice. The digital version is compatible with:

- SD2IEC
- uIEC
- pi541
- Ultimate 2+
- C64 Mini

Gameplay



Collect the 12 Cathar crosses.



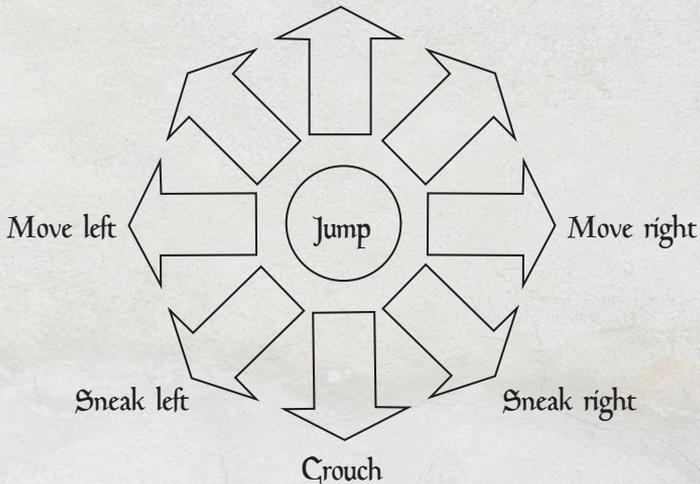
Lives left. Extra lives can be found in several places.



Read the scrolls for hints.



Activate mechanisms to open doors.



The Bestiary



Gargoyle



Human Curse



Flying Skull



Skeleton Fly



Rat



Skeleton Warrior



Dragon



Spider



Flesh Eating Plant



Death



Snake



Piranha



Crusader



Skeleton Archer



Satan



Fire



Baby Dragon



Flying Curse



Demon

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Expulsion of the Albigensians from Carcassonne in 1209 - Source : Wikimedia Commons/British Library

A bit of history

The Cathars were a religious group who appeared in Europe in the eleventh century, their origins something of a mystery. Catholic theologians debated for centuries as to whether Cathars were Christian heretics or not Christians at all. The religion flourished in an area often referred to as the Languedoc, broadly

bordered by the Mediterranean Sea, the Pyrenees, and the rivers Garonne, Tam and Rhône, corresponding to the new French region of Occitanie.

Cathars believed in reincarnation and refused to eat meat or other animal products. They were strict about biblical injunctions - notably those of living in poverty, not telling lies, not killing and not swearing oaths. They largely regarded men and women as equals, and had no doctrinal objection to contraception, euthanasia or suicide.

In the Languedoc region, known at the time for its high culture, tolerance and liberalism, the Cathar religion took root and gained more and more adherents during the twelfth century. By the early thirteenth century Catharism was probably the majority religion in the area. Many Catholic texts refer to the danger of it replacing Catholicism completely.

Catholics accused Cathars of heresy or apostasy and created some striking propaganda against them. When the propaganda proved unsuccessful, there was only one option left - a crusade - the Albigensian Crusade.

The head of the Catholic Church, Pope Innocent III, called a formal Crusade against the Cathars of the Languedoc, appointing a series of military leaders to head his Holy Army.

From 1208, a war of terror was waged against the indigenous population of the Languedoc. During this period an estimated half-million Languedoc men, women and children were massacred, Catholics as well as Cathars. The Crusaders killed the locals indiscriminately.

Catharism is often said to have been completely eradicated soon after the end of the fourteenth century. Yet there are more than a few vestiges even today, apart from the enduring memory of Cathar "Martyrdom" and the ruins of the famous "Cathar castles", including the spectacular castle at Carcassonne and the hilltop Château of Montségur.



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