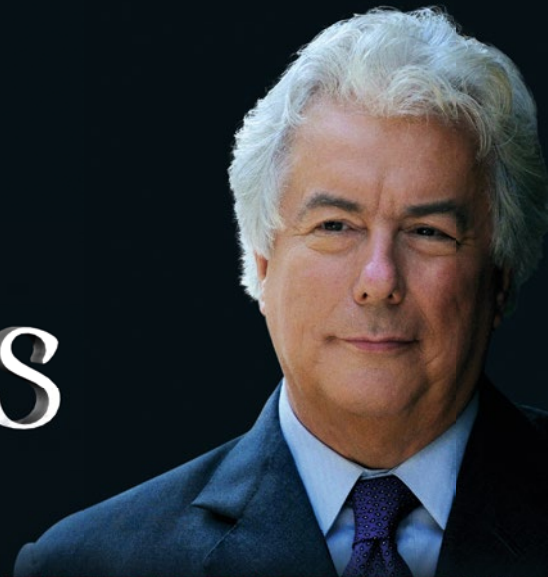


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KEN FOLLETT'S JOURNEY INTO THE DARK AGES

No other period in history stirs our imaginations quite like the Dark Ages. It is an era cloaked in mystery, a time when noblemen and priors, master builders and monks were the order of the day and simple, peasant folk struggled to survive. Plagues, famines and witch burnings were commonplace. Those who questioned the authority of the Church faced the ultimate penalty – death. And yet there were some who stood up for reason and righteousness, brave men and women who were beacons of light in a time of darkness.

For the first time on television, master storyteller and worldwide best-selling author Ken Follett, will act as host, introducing us to a thrilling primetime documentary about the Dark Ages and the characters that inspired his epic blockbuster novels – *World Without End* and *The Pillars of the Earth*.

Produced by Emmy® and Golden Globe® nominee TANDEM PRODUCTIONS (*World Without End*, *The Pillars of the Earth*) and STORY HOUSE Productions (*Galileo Mystery*), *Ken Follett's Journey into the Dark Ages* is divided into two parts:

Part 1: Great Women of the Middle Ages
Part 2: The Black Death

Follett gives us an intimate glimpse into the world of his imagination and the extraordinary characters who have inspired him – women like Hildegard von Bingen, who advocated new approaches to healing and medicine or Marguerite Porete, who in 1295, challenged the hegemony of the Church with a revolutionary book.

Who were these women who changed the world? Why did they suddenly question what millions before had accepted without complaint? How did they succeed in challenging the ironclad rules governing faith, society and medicine? And how did they finally manage to curb the most terrible epidemic of all time – the plague – in a world where science had no place?

Genre / Format: Primetime Event Documentary / 2 x approx. 45 min.

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