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Sommario/riassunto	The book 'The Teutonic Knights: Rise and Fall of a Religious Corporation' by Aleksander Pluskowski explores the history of the Teutonic Order, a prominent military and religious institution founded during the Third Crusade. It traces the Order's origins as a field hospital in Acre to its transformation into a significant territorial power in northeastern Europe. The Teutonic Knights played a crucial role in the Christianization of the Baltic region, establishing fortified convents and engaging in crusades. The book also examines the Order's decline

in the 15th century due to military defeats and the impact of the Reformation, which secularized its branches. This comprehensive history highlights the Order's enduring legacy in European history.
