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Is Aslaug really Ragnar's one true love? Can she save him from his own prideful death?

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Plus, how close can one be to their stepson before questions are asked? Aslaug was one of Ragnar Lodbrok's wives and bore him many sons. However, prior to meeting him, she spent her childhood locked up in a harp. Then, when the harp owner was murdered, she was raised by a beastly pair who insisted Aslaug never wash in order to hide her beauty. Once released from this life of miserable slavery, Aslaug went on to marry Ragnar Lodbrok, the famous Viking. She bore many children to him as well as help raise some of his other children. At times, her relationship with one of her stepchildren was considered questionable as she favoured him over even her own children. 'Vikings: The Truth About Aslaug And Ragnar' will unravel all these secrets and reveal a story that is more interesting than anything you knew about them previously as well as debunking the myth that their relationship was loveless. Discover the truth today! Part One brings the whole story to life with a historically accurate novel of their lives. Part Two then examines the historical facts behind this famous Viking couple. The 'Viking Secrets' series explores the historical fact from present day fiction in regards to the Vikings and the extraordinary women who existed in the Viking era. PLEASE NOTE: Each of the books in this series can be read as standalone books due to the nature of the sagas involved. Therefore, the book numbering indicates the order in which the stories were

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The Saga of the Greenlanders and Eirik the Red's Saga contain the first ever descriptions of North America, a bountiful land of grapes and vines, discovered by Vikings five centuries before Christopher Columbus. Written down in the early thirteenth century, they recount the Icelandic settlement of Greenland by Eirik the Red, the chance discovery by seafaring adventurers of a mysterious new land, and Eirik's son Leif the Lucky's perilous voyages to explore it. Wrecked by storms, stricken by disease and plagued by navigational mishaps, some survived the North Atlantic to pass down this compelling tale of the first Europeans to talk with, trade with, and war with the Native Americans.

The Saga of the Volsungs

History & Mythology From the invasion of Britain to the siege of Paris, the Viking age is indeed one of the most tumultuous and formative periods of European history. But what of the forces behind the seismic raids and explorations? What of the ingenious craftsmanship behind the longboats that were beyond their time? Often, a farrago of myths

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and facts continues to portray a rather foggy image of the Vikings; but could the Vikings truly be the savage seafarers that history condemns them to be? Inside you will read about The History - The Raids and Settlements of the Vikings- Siege of Paris- The Viking Longship- The Viking Dress Code- The Social Landscape of the Vikings The Mythology - Gods and Goddesses- The Nine Worlds- Heroes and Legends- Mythological Creatures- Ten Little Known Facts about Norse Mythology And much more! This book provides a balanced and riveting account of the Viking age-from its dawn to dusk. Without white washing the savagery of the Vikings, it chronicles the many raids that were undertaken. It also presents another view point of these fascinating people. Employing the latest archeological finds and various sources, it paints a different yet factual picture of the Vikings. The book delves into the many cultural aspects of the society: religion-the Nordic gods-social structure, cloth, house and much besides. Their celebrated ship architecture is discussed at length, myths are debunked, legends are deliberated-many facets of this epoch are dilated in detail.

Studies in Ragnars Saga Loðbr'okar and Its Major Scandinavian Analogues

University Press returns with three short and captivating books in one volume - a brief

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history of three Viking Warriors: Ragnar Lothbrok, Björn Ironside, and Ivar the Boneless. Book 1 - Ragnar Lothbrok Ragnar Lothbrok was a legendary Viking. A warrior king whose exploits in battle won him the fierce loyalty of his people (and the name "Shaggy-Breeches"), he and his armies sowed terror as they invaded their way across 9th-century Europe. The story of Ragnar Lothbrok's life emerges from the misty depths of the early Middle Ages in the form of a rich oral tradition of Norse legend. He may be remembered for plundering cities, but upon his death he left behind new trade routes throughout Europe and many sons who would carry on their father's traditions. Book 2 - Björn Ironside Björn Ironside was a legendary Norse warrior king. Stories handed down in oral tradition for centuries, and later recorded by monks, tell the tale of a powerful Viking who set out to conquer Rome. Björn Ironside was a member of a Viking family well-known for striking fear in the hearts of their enemies. Together with his father, Ragnar Lothbrok, and his brother, Ivar the Boneless, Björn Ironside ventured out to explore, trade, loot, and pillage on a global scale. Book 3 - Ivar the Boneless Ivar the Boneless was so frail that he could not even stand without somebody holding him up, and he had to be carried on a shield whenever he went into battle. Yet he went on to become one of the most feared Vikings in history. Ivar the Boneless led the Great Heathen Army

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on its conquest of England and ushered in an era of Viking domination over Britain that would last until long after his death. To the terrorized British, he was a pagan demon sent from hell. To the proud Vikings, he was a living god with supernatural powers. Each of these three books tells the intensely human story of a man who changed the world in a way that no one else could.

Ragnar Lothbrok

The Montgomery family of England and Scotland between the 800s and 1948, with origins among the Nordic peoples and then in Normandy of France, and with some descendants in Ireland, France, Sweden, the United States and elsewhere. The family were part of the nobility of both England and Scotland, as well as of France, Scandinavia, etc.

The Saga of Ragnar Lodbrok. (The Lay of Kraka.)

MGM's hit show Vikings on the History Channel has drawn millions of viewers into the fascinating and bloody world of legendary Norse hero Ragnar Lothbrok, who led Viking warriors to the British Isles and France. Covering the first three seasons of the series, this official companion book delves into the real history as well as the behind-the-scenes stories. Viking historian Justin

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Pollard explains shipbuilding and navigation, Norse culture and religion, and the first encounters between Viking warriors and the kings of England and France. Interviews with cast and crew reveal the process of dramatizing this gripping story, from reviving the Old Norse language to choreographing battle scenes and building ancient temples for human sacrifice. This spectacular ebook is a must for fans of the show and history buffs alike. VIKINGS © 2015 TM Prods Ltd/T5 Vikings Prods Inc. VIKINGS™ TM Prods Ltd.

A Place on Earth

The Wanderer's Hávamál features Jackson Crawford's complete, carefully revised English translation of the Old Norse poem Hávamál, newly annotated for this volume, together with facing original Old Norse text sourced directly from the Codex Regius manuscript. Rounding out the volume are Crawford's classic Cowboy Hávamál and translations of other related texts central to understanding the character, wisdom, and mysteries of Óðinn (Odin). Portable and reader-friendly, it makes an ideal companion for both lovers of Old Norse mythology and those new to the wisdom of this central Eddic poem wherever they may find themselves.

Snow Angel Cove

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Vikings

Ragnar Lothbrok: The Tale of a Viking Warrior King delves into the mystery surrounding the Viking warrior who conquered European nations and became a king in his own right. Over nine centuries after the death of this great warrior, ancient poems, songs, and sagas about him still remain today. This audiobook considers the facts as we know them, the myths attributed to Ragnar, and the way this iconic heathen from the north continues to impact modern culture today. This audiobook will discuss: The historical facts and suppositions surrounding this Viking of legend The retelling of the Saga of Ragnar and his three wives How Ragnar's sons became an integral part of the legend that Ragnar represents, and the stories that they inspired How, despite centuries of time, Ragnar and Vikings of his time helped shape ideas and common traditions that are still held onto today This audiobook is both fact and fictional recount and is dedicated to Ragnar and his enduring, legendary status in history.

The annals of St-Bertin

Explore Captivating Viking Sagas The period between the end of the eighth century CE and the middle of the eleventh is often called

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the "Viking Age" because this is the period in which Scandinavian people expanded their contacts with the outside world through trade, raiding, exploration, and colonization. This volume presents a version of Ragnar's saga compiled from different modern sources, along with information providing additional historical and documentary context, followed by a discussion of some aspects of modern appropriations and representations of ancient Norse culture. The first section of the book provides historical context for Ragnar's saga through an exploration of daily life in ninth-century Scandinavia and of contemporary Viking culture and history. The text of the saga itself forms the second part of the book, along with notes giving further information about how this version of the saga is presented and about elements within the story that might not be familiar to modern readers. The third section of the book deals with representations of ancient Norse cultures in modern popular media. Within this book, you'll find the following the Viking Sagas and topics covered The World of Ragnar Lothbrok The Saga of Ragnar Lothbrok and His Sons Representations of Norse Myths and History in Modern Media The Clash of History and Drama in the History Channel Television Series Vikings And much more! Get the book now and learn more about Viking Sagas!

Viking Sagas

Ragnar Lothbrok: The Biography

From the misty depths of the Early Middle Ages comes the story of a mighty Viking warrior and king named Ragnar Lothbrok. The rich oral tradition of Norse legend, written down hundreds of years after the events happened, sifted the story of Ragnar's exploits through time and poetry to create for Ragnar a lasting image of bravery in the face of the unknown. The dramatic tale of Ragnar brings up interesting questions. For example, was Ragnar a real person? If so, have the facts about him been exaggerated to the point that they no longer have much basis in reality? And, if the story has been reshaped by its storytellers, what does this say about what the people wanted to hear? Also, how can Ragnar be called a hero when his most notable feat was invading and plundering Paris? As you read Ragnar's story, you'll find the answers to questions you may not imagine right now, such as: Why was Ragnar called Lothbrok, the Old Norse word for Shaggy-Breeches? Through his legend, you see a man who had three strong wives and many vengeful sons. What kind of father and husband could this man have been? Ragnar was certainly no peacemaker. He was tall and powerfully-built, but what about his moral character? Modern people might see this "Scourge of England and France" as a brute and a warmonger, and

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rightly so - not exactly in keeping with modern mores. Yet, even modern people can appreciate what he did for the world. We can thank Ragnar's kind for creating trade routes throughout Scandinavia, Britain, Europe, and even into Russia. In expanding his empire, he aided in the settlement of the regions he conquered. Learning about Ragnar's life, times and character can give you a new way to view the world. The basic struggle of Ragnar's life was between good and evil, but these two concepts are not as clear-cut as you might think. What Medieval Norsemen saw as good, you might see as wicked, aggressive and based on self-interest alone. And, what they saw as evil, you might see as simply the natural way of the life on this planet. As you read this book, you can enjoy learning about a character that is larger than life and fascinating in a way only legends can be. After you finish reading, we suspect you'll want to know more about Ragnar Lothbrok and delve into the poetry that tells his story so beautifully. Ragnar Lothbrok: The Biography

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle

Tears of a Hustler Pt 2

Ragnar Lothbrok was a legendary Viking warrior and King, whose tales have survived over 1000 years. Though his true existence is

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still debated to this day, Ragnar has been the inspiration for many books, movies, and even a TV series; Vikings. Inside this book, you will discover who Ragnar Lothbrok was, and what impact he had on the Viking culture. You will learn about his ruthless war tactics, his fearsome brutality, his lineage, and his legacy. Also discussed in this book is the fascinating Norse Mythology that shaped the bulk of Ragnar's beliefs and motivations for living the way he did! Here Is What You'll Learn About Who Was Ragnar Lothbrok The Viking's Views & Beliefs Ragnar's Family Ragnar At War The Death Of Ragnar Lothbrok Did Ragnar Actually Exist Much, Much More!

Vikings: the Trouble with Ubbe's Mother

Nothing provided

Vikings in the West

The first letter of the author's first name is a dollar symbol.

Origin and History of the Montgomerys

Millions love the hit television show Vikings—but how many fans know that its main character, Ragnar, is based on an actual Viking king whose ambitious and terrifying exploits have been legend since the ninth

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century AD? As fierce, cunning, and determined as the character he inspired, King Ragnar Lodbrok is perhaps most famous for his sacking of Paris in 845 AD. He is also widely regarded to be among the first Viking leaders to target the riches of the British Isles not simply for plunder, but also for Danish settlement. The Legend of Ragnar Lodbrok presents fascinating translations of ninth, twelfth, and thirteenth-century writings—including sagas, poems, and historical accounts—that describe, in vivid detail, the adventures of Ragnar, his sons, and his formidable wives, Lagertha the Shieldmaiden and Princess Aslaug. These absorbing convergences of fact and Norse mythology include a new translation of The Saga of Ragnar Lodbrok; a new translation of The Tale of Ragnar's Sons; The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, the single most important source for English history during the early Middle ages; Krákumál, a famous twelfth-century poem thought to be Ragnar's death song; and the Gesta Danorum, a patriotic work that describes the origin of Lagertha and her relationship with Ragnar. Whether Ragnar was a single man of a thousand deeds or an amalgam of heroes may never be proven, but The Legend of Ragnar Lodbrok offers thrilling insight into his brutal, unforgettable world.

The Vinland Sagas

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The Nart sagas are to the Caucasus what Greek mythology is to Western civilization. This book presents, for the first time in the West, a wide selection of these fascinating myths preserved among four related peoples whose ancient cultures today survive by a thread. In ninety-two straightforward tales populated by extraordinary characters and exploits, by giants who humble haughty Narts, by horses and sorceresses, Nart Sagas from the Caucasus brings these cultures to life in a powerful epos. In these colorful tales, women, not least the beautiful temptress Satanaya, the mother of all Narts, are not only fertility figures but also pillars of authority and wisdom. In one variation on a recurring theme, a shepherd, overcome with passion on observing Satanaya bathing alone, shoots a "bolt of lust" that strikes a rock--a rock that gives birth to the Achilles-like Sawseruquo, or Sosruquo. With steely skin but tender knees, Sawseruquo is a man the Narts come to love and hate. Despite a tragic history, the Circassians, Abazas, Abkhaz, and Ubykhs have retained the Nart sagas as a living tradition. The memory of their elaborate warrior culture, so richly expressed by these tales, helped them resist Tsarist imperialism in the nineteenth century, Stalinist suppression in the twentieth, and has bolstered their ongoing cultural journey into the post-Soviet future. Because these peoples were at the crossroads of Eurasia for millennia, their myths exhibit

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striking parallels with the lore of ancient India, classical Greece, and pagan Scandinavia. The Nart sagas may also have formed a crucial component of the Arthurian cycle. Notes after each tale reveal these parallels; an appendix offers extensive linguistic commentary. With this book, no longer will the analysis of ancient Eurasian myth be possible without a close look at the Nart sagas. And no longer will the lover of myth be satisfied without the pleasure of having read them. Excerpts from the Nart sagas "The Narts were a tribe of heroes. They were huge, tall people, and their horses were also exuberant Alyps or Durduls. They were wealthy, and they also had a state. That is how the Narts lived their lives. . . ." "The Narts were courageous, energetic, bold, and good-hearted. Thus they lived until God sent down a small swallow. . . ." "The Narts were very cruel to one another. They were envious of one another. They disputed among themselves over who was the most courageous. But most of all they hated Sosruquo. . . . A rock gave birth to him. He is the son of a rock, illegally born a mere shepherd's son. . . ."

The Saga of the Volsungs ; The Saga of Ragnar Lodbrok Together with The Lay of Kraka

Can a peasant really catch a king? Will a king

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stoop below his social standing for the woman he loves? Can a son learn to love his father in spite of his faults? Fans of the Viking sagas involving Ragnar Lodbrok will be familiar with his many wives, but what about the woman who bore his son, Ubbe? Raised in the middle class of Viking society, Ragnar should never have been attracted to someone of such standing. However, against the odds, the pair find a way to be together. 'Vikings: The Trouble with Ubbe's Mother' will unravel all these secrets and reveal a story that is more interesting than anything you knew about them previously. Discover the truth today! Part One brings the whole story to life with a historically accurate novel. Part Two then examines the historical facts behind this Viking story. The 'Viking Secrets' series explores the historical fact from present day fiction in regards to the Vikings and the extraordinary women who existed in the Viking era. PLEASE NOTE: Each of the books in this series can be read as standalone books due to the nature of the sagas involved. Therefore, the book numbering indicates the order in which the stories were published and not the order in which they are required to be read.

Rarity from the Hollow

New York Times bestselling author RaeAnne Thayne brings readers back to Haven Point—a place made for new beginnings and Christmas

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miracles... Snow Angel Cove Nothing short of a miracle can restore Eliza Hayward's Christmas cheer. The job she pinned her dreams on has gone up in smoke—literally—and now she's stuck in an unfamiliar, if breathtaking, small town. Precariously close to being destitute, Eliza needs a hero, but she's not expecting one who almost runs her down with his car! Rescuing Eliza is pure instinct for tech genius Aidan Caine. At first, putting the renovation of his lakeside guest lodge in Eliza's hands assuages his guilt—until he sees how quickly he could fall for her. Having focused solely on his business for years, he never knew what his life was missing before Eliza, but now he's willing to risk his heart on a yuletide romance that could lead to forever.

C.H.U.D. Lives!

Part ribald farce, part lyrical contemplation, Wendell Berry's novel is the story of a place—Port William, Kentucky—the farm lands and forests that surround it, and the river that runs nearby. The rhythms of this novel are the rhythms of the land.

The Wanderer's Havamal

Learn how to compress video and audio with optimal quality and minimal hassles. Renowned expert Ben Waggoner teaches you to improve

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the quality of your final content and develop effective workflows. Understand the basic concepts of vision and hearing, apply that knowledge in the context of compression, then move onto practical, applicable information for creating, editing, and compressing the best video and audio, whether you're delivering for the web, DVD, Blu-ray, phones, or beyond. Clear examples of how to make the best choices in real-world projects Covers Mac and Windows products for a complete look at today's compression technologies: all the different tools, codecs, and formats for different kinds of deliverables are described, focusing on how to pick the right options for particular projects, players, and sources Formats Windows Media QuickTime Flash FLV and F4V MPEG-4 and H.264 MPEG-2 Ogg Vorbis and Theora Silverlight and Smooth Streaming Devices iPod and iPhone Zune HD Playstation Portable Playstation 3 Xbox 360 DVD and Blu-ray

The Vikings and Their Enemies

Lacy Dawn's father relives the never ending Gulf War, her mother's teeth are rotting out, and her best friend is murdered by the meanest daddy on Earth. Life in the hollow is hard. She has one advantage - an android was inserted into her life and is working with her to cure her parents. But, he wants something in exchange. It's up to her to save

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the Universe. Lacy Dawn doesn't mind saving the universe, but her family and friends come first. An award winning adult social science fiction novel filled with tragedy, comedy, and satire that raises funds to help abused children.

Ragnar Lothbrok

Although based on historical persons from the 9th century, Ragnar Lodbrok and his sons are the subjects of compelling legends dating from the Viking era. Warriors, raiders, and rulers, Ragnar and his sons inspired unknown writers to set down their stories over seven centuries ago. This volume presents new and original translations of the three major Old Norse texts that tell Ragnar's story: the Saga of Ragnar Lodbrok, the Tale of Ragnar's Sons, and the Sogubrot. Ragnar's death song, the Krakumal, and a Latin fragment called the List of Swedish Kings, complete the story. Extensive notes and commentary are provided, helping the reader to enter the world of these timeless stories of Viking adventure.

The Saga of the Jomsvikings

"The poems of the Poetic Edda have waited a long time for a Modern English translation that would do them justice. Here it is at last (Odin be praised!) and well worth the wait. These amazing texts from a 13th-century

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Icelandic manuscript are of huge historical, mythological and literary importance, containing the lion's share of information that survives today about the gods and heroes of pre-Christian Scandinavians, their unique vision of the beginning and end of the world, etc. Jackson Crawford's modern versions of these poems are authoritative and fluent and often very gripping. With their individual headnotes and complementary general introduction, they supply today's readers with most of what they need to know in order to understand and appreciate the beliefs, motivations, and values of the Vikings."

--Dick Ringler, Professor Emeritus of English and Scandinavian Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Poetic Edda

"The popular TV show may have popularized Ragnar's story but the real facts are not very well known. Discover the truth behind this Viking Warrior and the rich history of the Vikings."--Publisher's description.

Vikings

This enthralling epic tale, written in the tradition of the old Norse sagas, takes us to fourteenth-century Greenland—a farflung place of glittering fjords, blasting winds, sun-warmed meadows, and high, dark mountains.

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This is the story of one family: proud landowner Asgeir Gunnarsson; his daughter Margret, whose willful independence leads her into passionate adultery and exile; and his son Gunnar, whose quest for knowledge is at the compelling center of this unforgettable book. Jane Smiley immerses us in this world of farmers, priests, and lawspeakers, of hunts and feasts and long-standing feuds, and by an act of literary magic, makes a remote time, place, and people not only real but dear to us.

The Legend of Ragnar Lodbrok

Today's top Horror and SF authors pay tribute to C.H.U.D. in this anthology of original fiction. C.H.U.D. is a genre defying, cult classic film featuring monsters living in the sewers below New York. The stories in this anthology expand the world created by the film and add depth to the C.H.U.D. universe like never before. From stories of apocalyptic horror and all out monster action, to tales of underground parties interrupted by uninvited guests and evening strolls that end in death, this anthology will leave you both smiling and breathless. Relive the fear as these original stories take you beyond the movie to events that occurred before, during, and after the scenes we remember so well. Includes C.H.U.D. related stories by Jonathan Maberry, Tim

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Waggoner, JG Faherty, Mort Castle, Michael H. Hanson, Martin Powell, Ben Fisher, Jason White, Chad Lutzke, Ross Baxter, Philip C Perron, David Bernstein, Nick Cato, Alex Laybourne, Christopher Fulbright, Angeline Hawkes, David Robbins, Robert Waters, Greg Mitchell, Ryan C. Thomas, and Eugene Johnson. With an introduction by David Drake. Compiled by Eric S. Brown. C.H.U.D. Lives! also features in-depth interviews with Andrew Bonime (producer) and Parnell Hall (screenwriter), as well as never before seen behind-the-scenes photos from the classic 80s horror film. Lineup: Introduction by David Drake Interview with the late Andrew Bonime "Dog Walker" by Robert E Waters "The Dwellers" by Nick Cato "The City Will Eat You Alive" by Ryan C. Thomas "Date Night" by David Robbins "Strange Gods" by Christopher Fulbright and Angeline Hawkes "Lost and Found" by Greg Mitchell "They Are C.H.U.D" by Alex Laybourne "C.H.A.D." by Michael H. Hanson "Samsa's Party" by Ben Fisher "The Way to a Man's Heart" by Tim Waggoner "Dweller Messiah" by Jason White "That's Entertainment!" by Mort Castle "Toxic Disposal" by David Bernstein "Monstrous Me" by Martin Powell "Step Ate" by Chad Lutzke "Zero Hour" by JG Faherty "The Deuce" by Philip C. Perron "All at Sea" by Ross Baxter "You Will Never Leave Harlan Alive" by Jonathan Maberry and Eugene Johnson Interview with Parnell Hall (screenwriter) by Eric S Brown This book is dedicated in loving memory

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to Andrew Bonime, the producer of the C.H.U.D. film. Proudly represented by Crystal Lake Publishing--Tales from the Darkest Depths.

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From the translator of the bestselling Poetic Edda (Hackett, 2015) comes a gripping new rendering of two of the greatest sagas of Old Norse literature. Together the two sagas recount the story of seven generations of a single legendary heroic family and comprise our best source of traditional lore about its members—including, among others, the dragon-slayer Sigurd, Brynhild the Valkyrie, and the Viking chieftain Ragnar Lothbrok.

Letters For Emily

You are so young. You may wonder what an old man like me could teach? I wonder as well. I certainly don't claim to know all the answers. I'm barely figuring out the questions. Life has a strange way of repeating itself and I want my experience to help you. I want to make a difference. My hope is that you'll consider my words and remember my heart. Harry Whitney is dying. And in the process, he's losing his mind. Afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, he knows his "good" time is dwindling. Wishing to be remembered as more than an ailing old man, Harry realizes

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the greatest gift he can pass on is the wisdom of his years, the jumbled mix of experiences and emotions that add up to a life. And so he compiles a book of his poems for his favorite granddaughter, Emily, in the hope that his words might somehow heal the tenuous relationships in a family that is falling apart. But Harry's poems contain much more than meets the eye. As Emily and her family discover, intricate messages are hidden in them, clues and riddles that lead to an extraordinary cache of letters, and even a promise of hidden gold. Are they the ramblings of a man losing touch with reality? Or has Harry given them a gift more valuable than any of them could have guessed? As Harry's secrets are uncovered one by one, his family learns about romance, compassion, and hope -- and together they set out to search for something priceless, a shining prize to treasure forever. They may grow closer in spirit or be torn apart by greed but their lives will be undeniably altered by Harry's words in his letters for Emily.

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Wulf the Saxon Illustrated

In A.D. 986, Earl Hákon, ruler of most of Norway, won a triumphant victory over an invading fleet of Danes in the great naval

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battle of Hjórunga Bay. Sailing under his banner were no fewer than five Icelandic skalds, the poet-historians of the Old Norse world. Two centuries later their accounts of the battle became the basis for one of the liveliest of the Icelandic sagas, with special emphasis on the doings of the Jómsvikings, the famed members of a warrior community that feared no one and dared all. In Lee M. Hollander's faithful translation, all of the unknown twelfth-century author's narrative genius and flair for dramatic situation and pungent characterization is preserved.

Dragon Lords

The hero is a young thane who wins the favor of Earl Harold and becomes one of his retinue. When Harold becomes King of England Wulf assists in the Welsh wars, and takes part against the Norsemen at the Battle of Stamford Bridge. When William of Normandy invades England, Wulf is with the English host at Hastings, and stands by his King to the last in the mighty struggle. Altogether this is a noble tale. Wulf himself is a rare example of Saxon vigor, and the spacious background of stormful history lends itself admirably to heroic romance.

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Viking Warriors

Ragnar Lothbrok: The Incredible Story of The Viking King "Power is dangerous. It corrupts the best and attracts the worst. Power is only given to those who are prepared to lower themselves to pick it up."Ragnar LothbrokMany believe that Ragnar Lothbrok (in some cases called Ragnar Lodbrok) was a Viking who rose to prominence and had great influence during the Viking Age (800-1066 AD). The exact history of his life and actions are somewhat unclear as they are mixed with legend and lore. He was almost certainly a King with power over a group of people. He was also reportedly a strong warrior of great aspirations that may have raided Ireland in the earliest years of the Viking period. Ancient Norse sagas and various Latin historical chronicles describe Viking raids that befell Ireland from 832-845. Saxo Grammaticus, a Christian Dane historian, believes that it was Ragnar Lothbrok who planned and executed the invasions of Ireland. However, two more modern historians, John O'Donovan and Charles Haliday, disagree with that assessment. They believe that it was another Viking, Turgesius, who may have led raids on Ireland in 837, and not Ragnar Lothbrok.

Myths of the Norsemen from the Eddas and Sagas

Nart Sagas from the Caucasus

Why did the Vikings sail to England? Were they indiscriminate raiders, motivated solely by bloodlust and plunder? One narrative, the stereotypical one, might have it so. But locked away in the buried history of the British Isles are other, far richer and more nuanced, stories; and these hidden tales paint a picture very different from the ferocious pillagers of popular repute. Eleanor Parker here unlocks secrets that point to more complex motivations within the marauding army that in the late ninth century voyaged to the shores of eastern England in its sleek, dragon-prowed longships. Exploring legends from forgotten medieval texts, and across the varied Anglo-Saxon regions, she depicts Vikings who came not just to raid but also to settle personal feuds, intervene in English politics and find a place to call home. Native tales reveal the links to famous Vikings like Ragnar Lothbrok and his sons; Cnut; and Havelok the Dane. Each myth shows how the legacy of the newcomers can still be traced in landscape, place-names and local history. This book uncovers the remarkable degree to which England is Viking to its core.

The Northern Queen

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St. BRICE'S DAY, ENGLAND, ANNO 1002. AT THE ORDER OF KING AETHELRED, THOUSANDS OF DANES ARE MURDERED IN A FRENZY OF ETHNIC CLEANSING. OUTRAGED, THE DANISH KING, SWEYN FORKBEARD, SWEARS HE WILL TAKE AETHELRED'S HEAD, AND HIS CROWN. BUT SWEYN NEEDS ALLIES. CHIEF AMONGST HIS SUPPORTERS IS AELFGIFU, AN ENGLISH NOBLEWOMAN AND HEAD OF A ONCE GREAT FAMILY. SHE HAS HER OWN REASONS TO HATE AETHELRED AND AS A PAGAN, SHE IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE DANISH CAUSE. WHEN AELFGIFU MARRIES SWEYN'S SON, CANUTE, WAR IS INEVITABLE. BUT IF AETHELRED IS WEAK, EMMA, HIS NORMAN QUEEN IS NOT, AND SHE WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO DESTROY THE WOMAN AT THE HEART OF THE VIKING ARMY. LOVE, AMBITION AND REVENGE COMBINE IN AN EPIC STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE DURING THE MOST TURBULENT PERIOD IN ENGLAND'S HISTORY.

Ragnar Lothbrok

The Annals of St-Bertin, covering the years 830 to 882, are the main narrative source for the Carolingian world in the ninth century. This richly-annotated translation by a leading British specialist makes these Carolingian histories accessible in English for the first time, encouraging readers to reassess and evaluate a crucially formative period of European history. Produced in the 830s in the imperial palace of Louis the Pious, The Annals of St-Bertin were continued away from the Court, first by Bishop

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Prudentius of Troyes, then by the great scholar-politician Archbishop Hincmar of Rheims. The authors' distinctive voices and interests give the work a personal tone rarely found in medieval annals. They also contain uniquely detailed information on Carolingian politics, especially the reign of the West Frankish king, Charles the Bald (840-877). No other source offers so much evidence on the Continental activities of the Vikings. Janet L. Nelson offers in this volume both an entrée to a crucial Carolingian source and an introduction to the historical setting of the Annals and possible ways of reading the evidence. The Annals of St-Bertin will be valuable reading for academics, research students and undergraduates in medieval history, archaeology and medieval languages. It will also fascinate any general reader with an interest in the development of European culture and society.

The Greenlanders

A fresh account of some of history's greatest warriors. The Vikings had an extraordinary and far-reaching historical impact. From the eighth to the eleventh centuries, they ranged across Europe—raiding, exploring, colonizing—and their presence was felt as far away as Russia and Byzantium. They are most famous as warriors, yet perhaps their talent

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for warfare is too little understood. Philip Line, in this scholarly and highly readable study of the Viking age, uses original documentary sources—the chronicles, sagas, and poetry—and the latest archaeological evidence to describe how the Vikings and their enemies in northern Europe organized for war. His graphic examination gives an up-to-date interpretation of the Vikings' approach to violence and their fighting methods that will be fascinating reading for anyone who is keen to understand how they operated and achieved so much in medieval Europe. He explores the practicalities of waging war in the Viking age, including compelling accounts of the nature of campaigns and raids, and detailed accounts of Viking-age battles on land and sea, using all the available evidence to give an insight into the experience of combat. Throughout this fascinating book, Philip Line seeks to dispel common myths about the Vikings and misconceptions about their approach to warfare. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we

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The World of Vikings

University Press returns with another short and captivating portrait of one of history's most compelling figures, Ragnar Lothbrok. Ragnar Lothbrok was a legendary Viking. A warrior king whose exploits in battle won him the fierce loyalty of his people (and the name "Shaggy-Breeches"), he and his armies sowed terror as they invaded their way across 9th-century Europe. The story of Ragnar Lothbrok's life emerges from the misty depths of the early Middle Ages in the form of a rich oral tradition of Norse legend. He may be remembered for plundering cities, but upon his death he left behind new trade routes throughout Europe and many sons who would carry on their father's traditions. This short book tells the intensely human story of a man who changed the world in a way that no one else could.

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