

## A History Of The Vikings Gwyn Jones

Undertit.: A History from the Vikings to Our Own Times. Dette er en fremstilling av Norges historie, opprinnelig skrevet for studenter i historie. Den er nå oversatt til engelsk for å gi interesserte som ikke behersker norsk mulighet til å få et innblikk i norsk historie. Boken har fire hoveddeler, den første går fra vikingtiden og frem til 1536, den andre strekker seg fra 1536 til 1814, tredje fra 1814 til 1945 og fjerde del tar for seg etterkrigstiden. Bak i boken finnes en kronologisk oversikt over Norges historie, litteraturliste og forklaringer på en del spesielle norske ord og uttrykk. Noen illustrasjoner. Bidragsytere er Rolf Danielsen, Ståle Dyrvik, Tore Grønlie, Knut Helle og Edgar Hovland. Oversatt til engelsk: Michael Drake. 486 s., ill., ib., 1998.

The Vikings maintain their grip on our imagination, but their image is too often distorted by myth. It is true that they pillaged, looted, and enslaved. But they also settled peacefully and traveled far from their homelands in swift and sturdy ships to explore. The Age of the Vikings tells the full story of this exciting period in history. Drawing on a wealth of written, visual, and archaeological evidence, Anders Winroth captures the innovation and pure daring of the Vikings without glossing over their destructive heritage. He not only explains the Viking attacks, but also looks at Viking endeavors in commerce, politics, discovery, and colonization, and reveals how Viking arts, literature, and religious thought evolved in ways unequalled in the rest of Europe. The Age of the Vikings sheds new light on the complex society, culture, and legacy of these legendary seafarers.

An accessible account of Viking warrior culture between the eighth and eleventh centuries

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considers mysteries about their identities and descendants, sharing biographical sketches of such figures as Erik Bloodaxe and Lief the Lucky while drawing on new research in the fields of ritual magic, genetic profiling, and climatology. Original.

A history of the Vikings explains how these great explorers earned a reputation as fierce invaders, their ship construction techniques, and how Leif Erikson arrived in America centuries before Columbus.

Sons of Vikings tells the story of the Viking Age (793-1066 A.D.) through the lives of extraordinary people. Each chapter is a biography of Ragnar Lothbrok, Ivar the Boneless, Bjorn Ironside, Rollo, Brian Boru, Erik the Red, Floki, Leif Erikson, Lagertha, Alfred, Rurik, Sviatoslav, William the Conqueror, and many other heroes and villains. It provides an understanding of this pivotal historical period in a way that facts and chronologies alone cannot. Sons of Vikings is meticulously researched from almost 100 sources but is also not afraid to challenge conventional beliefs and offer new perspectives. It is the perfect introduction for the casual fan of Vikings in television and popular culture but also offers a new take for the well-read history enthusiast. From myths, legends, sagas, and stories, to the most-recent archeology and DNA research, this book brings the Viking Age to life.

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presents the big picture, but also examines the everyday aspects of how people lived and worked. A chronology, detailed and annotated bibliographies for different themes and geographical locations, and an introduction discussing the major events and developments of the Viking age are also included.

Completely updated to include important primary research, archaeological findings and debates from the last decade, this third edition of F. Donald Logan's successful book examines the Vikings and their critical role in history. The author uses archaeological, literary and historical evidence to analyze the Vikings' overseas expeditions and their transformation from raiders to settlers. Focusing on the period from 800–1050, it studies the Vikings across the world, from Denmark and Sweden right across to the British Isles, the North Atlantic and the New World. This edition includes: a new epilogue explaining the aims of the book updated further reading sections maps and photographs. By taking this new archaeological and primary research into account, the author provides a vital text for history students and researchers of this fascinating people.

New B-format paperback - A comprehensive new history of the infamous Vikings. Those men and women raided and traded their way into history whilst at the same time helping to build new nations in Scandinavia and beyond.

Covers the different geographical areas of the Viking world, and traces the Viking story from the first raids on isolated coastal communities toward the end of the eighth century

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to the establishing of permanent settlements

Provides brief descriptions of figures, places, and battles from Viking history, as well an introduction to Viking culture.

This 1913 volume by Allen Mawer presents a historical account of Scandinavian civilisation during the Viking period.

Enthralling, well-documented, and vivid account by a leading authority on the subject chronicles the activities of those bold sea raiders of the North who terrorized Europe from the 8th to the 11th centuries.

The author presents the history of the Viking world, including their explorations and established trading networks, as well as the Viking figures of Leif the Lucky, Ragnar Lodbrok, Eric Bloodaxe and Harald Hardrada.

A definitive history of six hundred years of Viking civilization traces the political, military, social, cultural, and religious history of the Viking world from Iceland to Lithuania.

Most historical accounts examine the Viking Age in one part rather than the whole region of the British Isles and Ireland. Very few pay attention to the continued contact between England and Scandinavia in the post-Norman Conquest period. This book aims to offer an alternative approach by presenting a history of the Viking Age which considers the whole area up to and beyond the Norman Conquest of 1066. The Vikings have been traditionally portrayed as brutal barbarians who sailed to Britain and Ireland to loot, rape and pillage. The evidence presented here suggests a considerably less dramatic but no less fascinating picture which reveals the Vikings' remarkable achievements and their influence in shaping the political history of these

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islands. Katherine Holman discusses their skills as farmers, their linguistic and artistic contribution, their rituals and customs and the conflict between paganism and Christianity, showing that the Viking cultural impact was complex and often rich. Based on extensive and original research, *The Northern Conquest* presents the available evidence and guides the reader through the process of interpreting it. This is not restricted to historical documents alone, but also includes archaeology, runes, inscriptions, artefacts and linguistic evidence to provide different and complementary types of information. In addition, the book considers the contemporary question of the Vikings' genetic legacy. Interest in the Viking Age is thriving and expanding, both in Britain and in North America. Highly readable and casting new light on the period, this book will appeal to a wide audience.

A look at the ancient Scandinavian peoples.

Step into the Fantastical Realm of Norse Gods, Heroes, and Mighty Vikings! Are you fascinated with the legends of Norse Gods, and want to find out more? Are you a student looking for a comprehensive guide on Norse Mythology and history? Do you want to find out the real, fascinating history of the Vikings? If so, keep reading and dive deep into this captivating guide on Norse Mythology! This book is written to academic standards, but in a simple, easy-to-read style that will appeal to everyone! Paying attention to every detail, Amy Hughes collected many stories, myths, legends and tales of the pagan Scandinavian rituals, gods and heroes. Written in such a descriptive way, the stories will transfer you to a time long gone and you'll feel as if you're been a witness to the Viking's incredible history! But this book does not only present the mythological, abstract world of Scandinavian beliefs and religion. Aside from a thorough presentation of the Viking's pantheon, this book delves into the real

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history of the fascinating northern European culture. Here's what you'll discover inside: A guide on the Vikings origins, including their language, calendar, society structure, and military conquests Historic tales of the Viking's customs, art, and shipbuilding craft A guide on the Norse Creation Myths A presentation of the Norse Pantheon A detailed description of many Norse gods and heroes And much, much more! What makes this guide different from all the others, is the thoroughness of the research the author's done, to be able to present to you the comprehensive, complex world of the mighty Vikings. Aside from it being a popular read for students and anyone interested in mythologies, it's a great book to entertain your children with! They'll be delighted with the stories of brave warriors, proud shield-maidens, huge wooden ships and battles of the gods! Immerse yourself in the mythological world, discover fun historical facts and impress everyone with your knowledge on the Vikings! Scroll up, click on "Buy Now with 1-Click", and Get Your Copy Now!

"From the fury of the Northmen, good Lord deliver us." – Anonymous monk, Noirmoutier, France, 9th century AD Beginning in 789AD, the Vikings raided monasteries, sacked cities and invaded western Europe. They looted and enslaved their enemies. But that is only part of their story. In long boats they discovered Iceland and America (both by accident) and also sailed up the Seine to Paris (which they sacked). They settled from Newfoundland to Russia, founded Dublin and fought battles as far afield as the Caspian Sea. A thousand years after their demise, traces of the Vikings remain all the way from North America to Istanbul. They traded walrus with Inuits, brought Russian furs to Western Europe and took European slaves to Constantinople. Their graves contain Arab silver, Byzantine silks and Frankish weapons. In this accessible book, the whole narrative of the Viking story is examined from the eighth to the





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millennia, as human society evolves from small bands of hunter - gatherers to large farming communities to the complex warrior cultures of the Bronze and Iron Ages, which culminated in the spectacular rise of the Vikings. The material evidence of these past societies - arrowheads from reindeer hunts, megalithic tombs, rock art, beautifully wrought weaponry, Viking warships - give vivid testimony to the ancient humans who once called home this often unforgiving edge of the inhabitable world.

The Northmen's Fury tells the Viking story, from the first pinprick raids of the eighth century to the great armies that left their Scandinavian homelands to conquer larger parts of France, Britain and Ireland. It recounts the epic voyages that took them across the Atlantic to the icy fjords of Greenland and to North America over four centuries before Columbus and east to the great rivers of Russia and the riches of the Byzantine empire. One summer's day in 793, death arrived from the sea. The raiders who sacked the island monastery of Lindisfarne were the first Vikings, sea-borne attackers who brought two centuries of terror to northern Europe. Before long the sight of their dragon-prowed longships and the very name of Viking gave rise to fear and dread, so much so that monks were reputed to pray each night for delivery from 'the Northmen's Fury'. Yet for all their reputation as bloodthirsty warriors, the Vikings possessed a sophisticated culture that produced art of great beauty, literature of abiding power and kingdoms of surprising endurance. The Northmen's Fury describes how and why a region at the edge of Europe came to dominate and to terrorise much of the rest of the continent for

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nearly three centuries and how, in the end, the coming of Christianity and the growing power of kings tempered the Viking ferocity and stemmed the tide of raids. It relates the astonishing achievement of the Vikings in forging far-flung empires whose sinews were the sea and whose arteries were not roads but maritime trading routes. The blood of the Vikings runs in millions of veins in Europe and the Americas and the tale of their conquests, explorations and achievements continues to inspire people around the world.

**A History of the Viking Age** This is an excellent introduction to the history of this often misunderstood time. Although it is a story written in broad strokes, of an extremely complicated period, particularly in the development of Britain, the author has peppered it with some fascinating details of the people and the events of the time. She has also taken care to include extracts from some of the contemporary comment that is available. The extracts from the extravagantly presented poetic oral traditions allow the reader a glimpse into what it might have been like to be there. The text will certainly enable you to decide what further aspects of the history of the Middle Ages you might like to explore.

The Vikings famously took no prisoners, relished cruel retribution, and prided themselves on their blood-thirsty skills as warriors. But their prowess in battle is only a small part of their story, which stretches from their Scandinavian origins to America in the west and as far as Baghdad in the east. As the Vikings did not write their history, we

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have to discover it for ourselves, and that discovery, as Neil Oliver reveals, tells an extraordinary story of a people who, from the brink of destruction, reached a quarter of the way around the globe and built an empire that lasted nearly 200 years. Drawing on the latest discoveries that have only recently come to light, Neil Oliver goes on the trail of the real Vikings. Where did they emerge from? How did they really live? And just what drove them to embark on such extraordinary voyages of discovery over 1000 years ago? VIKINGS will explore many of these questions for the first time in an epic story of one of the world's great empires of conquest.

A new narrative history of the Viking Age, interwoven with exploration of the physical remains and landscapes that the Vikings fashioned and walked: their rune-stones and ship burials, settlements and battlefields.

Viking marauders in their longships burst through the defences of ninth-century Europe, striking terror into the hearts of peasants and rulers alike for two centuries. But the Vikings were more than just marine warriors and this atlas shows their development as traders and craftsmen, explorers, settlers and mercenaries. With over sixty full colour maps, it follows the tracks of the Viking merchants who travelled deep into Russia, of Viking mercenaries who served in the emperor's bodyguard at Constantinople, and Viking mariners who sailed beyond the edge of the known world to North America. 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

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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 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 package is a must for fans of the show and history buffs alike.

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story is examined from the eighth to the 11th century. Arranged thematically, Vikings – A History of the Norse People, examines the Norsemen from exploration to religion to trade to settlement to weaponry to kingdoms to their demise and legacy. But today questions remain: what prompted the first Viking raids? What stopped their expansion? And how much of the tales of murder, rape and pillage is myth?

Takes a closer look at the art, artifacts, and history of the Vikings and their gods.

In this worthy addition to the Elite series, Ian Heath transports us to the time of the Vikings examining their epic journeys and the ships they made them in, their methods of warfare - the organisation of their armies and tactics employed, their appearance and equipment and the general history of these fascinating warrior-explorers. His authoritative text is backed by many fine illustrations and photographs including 12 stunning full colour plates by Angus McBride, one of the world's most respected military artists.

Explore Captivating Viking Tales and Sagas Two captivating manuscripts in one book: Viking Sagas: The Captivating Tale of Ragnar Lothbrok, Ivar the Boneless, Lagertha, and More, in Their Historical Context Tales from the Viking Age: Captivating Legendary and Historical Sagas The period between the end of the eighth century CE and the middle of the eleventh is often called 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. The first manuscript of this book presents a

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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 first manuscript 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 first manuscript, 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 first manuscript deals with representations of ancient Norse cultures in modern popular media. The second manuscript in this book presents three Viking sagas. Two are legendary sagas, while the third is historical. Some of the topics covered in manuscript 1 of this book include: 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! Some of the topics covered in manuscript 2 of this book include: The Saga of King Heidrek the Wise Selections from The Saga of Örvar-Oddr The Voyages to Vinland Scroll up and click the "add to cart" button to discover captivating Viking tales and sagas! A "thrilling" (Wall Street Journal) history of the Vikings by a pre-eminent scholar The Viking Age saw an unprecedented expansion of the Scandinavian peoples into the

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world. As traders and raiders, explorers and colonists, they ranged from eastern North America to the Asian steppe. But for centuries, the Vikings have been seen through the eyes of others, distorted to suit the tastes of medieval writers, Victorian imperialists, Nazis, and more. Based on the latest archaeological and textual evidence, *Children of Ash and Elm* tells the story of the Vikings on their own terms: their politics, their cosmology and religion, their material world. Known today for a stereotype of maritime violence, the Vikings exported new ideas, technologies, and beliefs to the lands and peoples they encountered. From Eirík Bloodaxe, who fought his way to a kingdom, to Gudríd Thorbjarnardóttir, the most traveled woman in the world, *Children of Ash and Elm* is a remarkable history of the Vikings and their time.

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