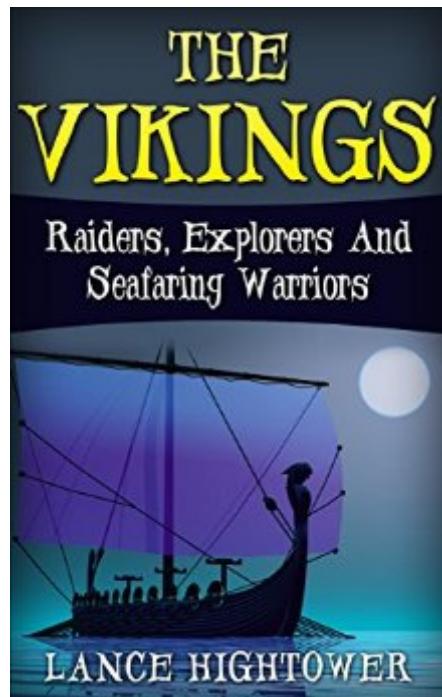


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# The Vikings: Raiders, Explorers And Seafaring Warriors



## Synopsis

The world of the Vikings is larger than life, filled with sagas of warriors who made fighting a career, but there's a lot more to Viking history than blood-letting and piracy. Their achievements, rich culture and craftsmanship contributed greatly to our world today, and their explorations helped make up the boundaries of nations. The Vikings: Raiders, Explorers, and Seafaring Warriors by author Lance Hightower will give you a glimpse of the battles that raged for more than 300 years, sparked by the cultural and religious differences that were the trigger for warring with the Franks, England and Ireland, and for trade and exploration into the Muslim empire, the Byzantine Empire, as far as Russia, Spain and North America. They came from Sweden, Norway and Denmark, not as one army, but as separate tribes who assaulted their way through Christendom as retaliation for the destruction of their holy icon. They came from the sea in a way that ingeniously allowed them to go where no conventional ship dared, and they were able to navigate waters without benefit of the sun to guide them. They used boats that made ship-building history "light, fast, and equally efficient in shallow rivers and mighty oceans. They terrorized, traded, bartered, took slaves, colonized, fought and died all in the name of Odin, god of the battle-slain. Perhaps in the end, they fought more for territory and riches than principle, but the history of the Vikings will always remain as one of the most enthralling of all Ages, where honor was crucial, death on the battlefield was preferred to idleness, and the stormy pantheon of their gods still held the greatest influence in their lives. The brilliant sagas come to life with snippets of modern translations, told like tales of old should be told, with dread, heroics and excitement. Lance Hightower combines his own expertise with the latest archeological findings and information given to us from ancient text to present a first-rate portrayal of the Vikings in an easy-to-read format that is a refreshing change from the usual dry delivery of history.

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This book helped to confirm some things I thought I knew and teach me things I didn't know. I'm a big fan of the show Vikings and now I have a much better understanding of where they got the ideas for some of the characters. It also helps me to understand just which parts are more factual.

This is a very good book to read; in this book you fully understand the way of Vikings and you will see detailed explanation on everything about Vikings. This is indeed a first-rate portrayal of the Vikings and I'm pretty sure that whoever reads this book will enjoy it. I would like to say kudos to the author for creating a very entertaining book like this.

It's a great and fascinating history to learn and study. I am not into history that much but this captivated my mind and my imagination so I am quite satisfied with what I read in this book. I like the way the author wrote this book in, you can really release your imagination and join the adventures and the crusades of the Vikings. That's what I enjoyed the most in this book.

If you like a more adventurous and exciting kind of story. This type is a good one for you. A heart pumping and adrenaline rushing that will surely entertain you a lot. The plot is pretty awesome, that's what make this book unique. The author is amazing for this can make the readers crave for more. It catches our attention that's the beauty of it. A job well done. It truly is a remarkable story.

very well written book! Very valuable and accurate informations based on the references which i already saw. You will understand why Vikingss had such a glory those years. This book will travelo

you as a timemachine through those years! If you like to learn about those days don't hesitate to buy it.

Vikings are not only known for their superior strength they are also skilled in trading and craftsmanship. In this book by Lance you will learn the entire history of the Vikings, the war that they fought and the battles that lasted for 300 years, the cultural differences which ignited the war and the trade exploration on the Muslim empire. When it comes to information about the Vikings, this is the most complete book that I ever read. Spending some time reading this book is really worth it and I would like to commend Lance for writing a very informative book about the Vikings.

I have a real interest in history especially the Vikings and how they lived their lives during that era. This book gives you an in-depth knowledge and understanding of this and has a lot of useful references within it. Its definitely a book I would recommend reading if you have an interest in these warriors and want to get to know more about their battles and the sagas about them.

This is such a good book, because you can learn so many things about vikings. I think all that is written here is true. It is enjoyable to read for you can imagine all the happenings from 11th century. It is always nice to have knowledge about the past. I am adventurous person that is why I really enjoyed this kind of stories. So I am recommending this book to all the adventurous readers out there.

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