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Vikings: The True And Surprising History Of The Vikings



Synopsis

The Vikings were a seafaring people from the late eighth to early 11th century who established a name for themselves as traders, explorers and warriors. They discovered the Americas long before Columbus and could be found as far east as the distant reaches of Russia. While these people are often attributed as savages raiding the more civilized nations for treasure and women, the motives and culture of the Viking people are much more diverse. These raiders also facilitated many changes throughout the lands from economics to warfare. Many historians commonly associate the term "Viking" to the Scandinavian term *vikingr*, a word for "pirate." However, the term is meant to reference oversea expeditions, and was used as a verb by the Scandinavian people for when the men traditionally took time out of their summers to go "Viking." While many would believe these expeditions entailed the raiding of monasteries and cities along the coast, many expeditions were actually with the goal of trade and enlisting as foreign mercenaries. Many modern perceptions of Vikings found their origins through Catholic propaganda. Upon the sacking of multiple Christian facilities and the loss of countless relics and treasures, the Catholic ministry sought to dehumanize them. Until Queen Victoria's rule of Britain, the Vikings were still portrayed as a violent and barbaric people. During the 19th and 20th centuries, perceptions changed to the point where Vikings were glamorized as noble savages with horned helmets, a proud culture and a feared prowess in battle. Scroll to the top of the page and click Add To Cart to read more about this extraordinary forgotten chapter of history.

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What should be a book worth wallowing in is a badly formatted editing nightmare that damages the information given. While there is some good information, typos and sentences that go nowhere with information cut off before getting to the finished stage hampers the reader and the message of the book, which is putting the Vikings center stage and in clear, undimmed light. From the run-on sentences to the repetitious words and information, this book buries more than the lead, it buries the reader in confusion with no regard for form or function. Auerbach would benefit from employing a beta reader and hiring content and line editors. Failing that, reading through his writing would point up the flaws and failings. The only surprising thing about the book is how badly it is put together, giving all independent writers a bad name. My message to Patrick Auerbach? Take some time with your book and read it over before rushing it into self-publishing.

Very, very poorly written. Filled with grammatical and spelling errors. Writing quality is akin to that of a middle school child. I often wondered if it was a poorly translated version from another language. There is no evidence of any scholarly research in the book. I do not understand how this book received so many positive reviews. Don't waste your time.

I wouldn't recommend this book as serious history for adults. It is perhaps suitable as an introduction for elementary school students. In fact, it reads like it was written by an 8th grader as a social studies report. Poorly researched, poorly written and rife with erroneous "facts". The author obviously didn't understand the subject material.

An excellent history of a difficult subject. This book is a brilliantly detailed, well researched, a laid out walk through from the earliest stages of the Viking era. Great History book. Well Recommended. Like all History books .. the joy is in the details and the connections made.

This Viking novel is indeed one of my favorite so far not to mention that i was so fanatic when it comes to them and been researching about their lives and this books gives me stuff that i really wanted to know and also it really surprise me to know some stuff that i haven't learned about them!

This has been a very interesting read. I've always been fascinated with stories of the Vikings, that's why this book attracted me too. I think it has been written well and has been researched well too. It made me understand these amazing people more. And I find the narration in this book very effective too. I think this book is convincing and it has been so detailed in its attempt to make the Vikings more comprehensible to readers.

I was hesitant to read this at first because of the negative reviews that I read. Well, perhaps we have different interest or taste. I never regret this book. Vikings story in book is an inspirational and touching story. The author added something to make it not boring but enticing. I haven't seen any error in this book as what one of the negative reviewer said..

Since watching "The Vikings" series on the History Channel, I've become very interested in the life of the early Vikings life and exploration. This book was very satisfying as that it provided that information I was looking for.

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