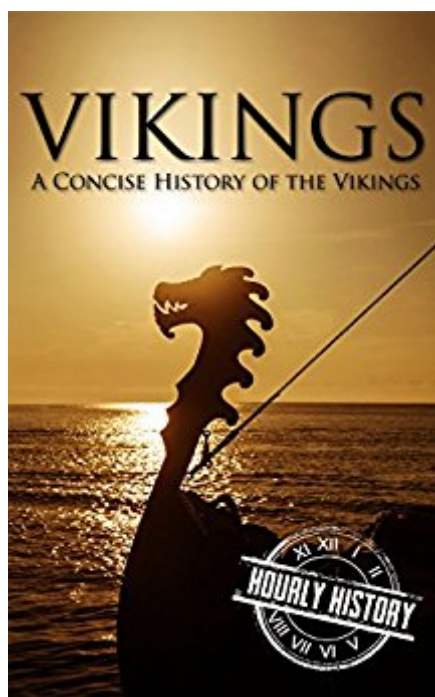


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Vikings: A Concise History Of The Vikings



Synopsis

VikingsThe saga of the Vikings rises and falls on the banks of history, ebbing and flowing with popular opinion and whimsical anecdotes. The Vikings are routinely typecast and labeled anywhere from bloodthirsty tyrants to valiant heroes. They have been condemned as pirates and praised as explorers. We have all heard the stories of the fierce warriors with long ships and horned helmets storming onto the shores of medieval Europe; but who were these men really? Inside your will read about...â€œ From the Fury of the Northmenâ€œ Retaliation, Royal Ambition, and Briberyâ€œ The Viking Age of Exploration and Expansionâ€œ Tidings from the Eastâ€œ The End of the Viking Ageâ€œ The Vikings Come to Christâ€œ The Second Viking InvasionThis book helps to unravel the mystery. Helping to finally shed the light on why the Vikings abruptly descended onto the world stage in such dramatic fashion, this book begins to explore the motives of the Viking exodus like no other and takes an in depth evaluation of all the geographical, political, economic and religious underpinnings that led the Viking Age.

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From the burning of the Yggdrasil tree in 777 to the year 1065 at the age of 50 Harald Hardrada

-known whimsically as the "Last Viking" -would set the ball in motion that would lead to the end of the Viking Age. Great look into the Viking mindset, their passion for bribes over blood, although they could wield a mean ax. Unlike much of Europe at the time, most Norse communities had maintained a democratic aspect in their society through their use of what they called an "Althing", which was essentially gathering of a local democratic body of all the free men of that region where they discussed local legislation. Their exploits into North America & the salesman pitch of naming Greenland like a car salesman, were many of the interesting facts of Viking life unknown to me. A great read, highly recommended.

I had no knowledge of Vikings (except from the series "Vikings"), and this book did a great job of providing an overview of their history and culture. It did have a few typos, but they were not too distracting. The book left me wanting to read deeper, but I'm having a hard time finding a comprehensive book on the Vikings, which is really surprising.

Henry Freeman has a way of making history come alive. This book is so interesting that you will be turning pages excited to learn more about Vikings. Written so that even a person who has never heard of vikings can understand where they came from.

You have got to be kidding me! My daughter and grandson are going to visit the Scandinavian capitals. I thought this would be a good background read before they went. Not so much. To be fair, if what you are looking for is a high school quality essay on the Viking tribes and how they impacted Europe, this is the ticket. Worth the price? Not in my opinion. I realize the title says "Concise" but come on. The author offers a survey of Viking individuals and events. This is a very brief read, say an hour, to reacquaint or introduce the reader to noteworthy Vikings. I expected at least a narrative history of events that shaped the history of Scandinavia and how the Vikings impacted Europe. What this essay does is offer a litany of characters and events associated with Viking history but scant information on who. The reason this did not get 1 star is that it did provide me a few facts that shaped the Viking culture. Frankly, the author dug deep but came up with little. I will be very sceptical of buying an offering that does not list a page count.

I had become interested Vikings because of the series on history channel and this book intrigues me further. The style is easy and conversational, informative, and enjoyable. I will read more by this author.

Indeed concise. And that's exactly what I was looking for. I like history and mythology, and I am always looking for lectures or podcasts for their brevity. I've never thought that I would find it in a book. Chapeau!!!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, it is very compact and well written, and truly opens your eyes - beyond the myths we are brought up to believe.

I enjoyed learning about the Viking civilization from a master historian.

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