



Ancient Civilisations

The Vikings

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NON-FICTION



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Beowulf: The Legend of a Hero retold by Nicky Raven

A modern, illustrated retelling of the Anglo-Saxon epic about the heroic efforts of Beowulf, son of Ecgtheow, to save the people of Heorot Hall from the terrible monster, Grendel.

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Beowulf: The Epic Poem

All he leaves behind is a trail of blood. He is the monster, Grendel, and all who know of him live in fear and dread. Too many men have been slaughtered, and Hrothgar, King of the Danes, knows that something must be done to stop the beast. There is only one man who might rid the land of this evil, only one man who dares to stand up to Grendel's fury - Beowulf.

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Gods and Giants by Stewart Ross

Enter a magical world of myth and legend in the best tales ever told. Learn about the Vikings, Celts and other great storytellers of Europe.

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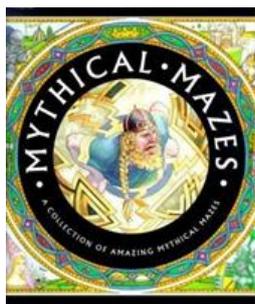
Great Heroes of Mythology by Petra Press

This elegant volume presents and discusses mythological tales of heroes from many different cultures around the world, including the Vikings.

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The Great Deeds of Superheroes by Maurice Saxby and Robert Ingpen

Stories of great adventure and bravery, including tales of great Viking warriors.



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Mythical Mazes by Dugald Steer

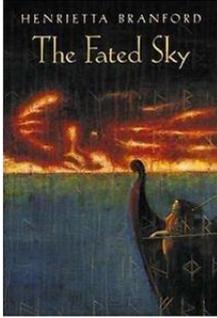
Tales of gods and goddesses, of valiant heroes and heroines, of dreadful monsters and fabulous treasures have inspired storytellers across the world. Gathered here are stories sung in the dim light of Viking halls, and in many other places and times.

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Gods and Heroes from Viking Mythology by Brian Branston

This book tells the stories of the old gods and heroes of Europe. These are the gods the Vikings worshipped before the coming of Christianity. The Viking explorers spread their stories far and wide and the gods are still remembered here in many place names and in the days of the week.

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F BRA

The Fated Sky by Henrietta Branford

After the death of her father and brothers in a Viking raid, Ran is alone and afraid. Travelling by sledge across a snowy headland to take part in the winter sacrifice, her future is uncertain. Her fate lies in the hands of Vigut, a cruel stranger who brings nothing but fear and death. Her life is at the mercy of an evil magician. Her destiny is in the love of a travelling musician. Where the journey ends is up to her.

F CEN

Centuries of Stories: New Stories for a New Millennium

Discover two thousand years of storytelling, including a story that takes us back to the days of the Viking sacrifices in the extraordinarily chilling "Odin's Day".

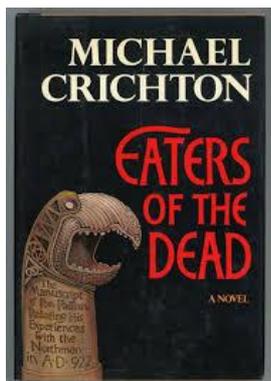
F CID

The Viking Magic series by Anna Ciddor

Runestone; Wolfspell; Stormriders.



Set in a small Viking village, this story tells of Thora and Oddo who were switched at birth. Now a grown child, Thora is beginning to figure out that she doesn't belong as the daughter of a spellmaker. She can't seem to get her magic to work. Across the valley, Oddo, living with a family of farmers, hides his magical skills after his father scorns him for changing the weather and mystically controlling animals. When Thora and Oddo meet, they become friends and use their strengths to help each other. But when things go terribly wrong, Thora and Oddo must embark on a perilous sea voyage to fix the mess they have created.



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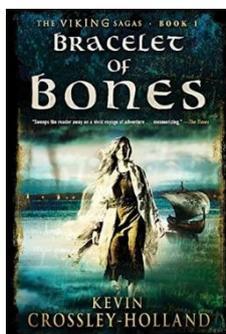
Eaters of the Dead: The Manuscripts of Ibn Fadlan, Relating His Experiences with the Northmen in AD922 by Michael Crichton

In AD 922 Ibn Fadlan, the representative of the ruler of Baghdad, City of Peace, crosses the Caspian Sea and journeys up the valley of the Volga on a mission to the King of Saqaliba. Before he arrives, he meets with Beowulf, a powerful Viking chieftain who is summoned by his besieged relatives to the North. Beowulf must return to Scandinavia and save his countrymen and family from the monsters of the mist.

F COW

How to Train Your Dragon series by Cressida Cowell

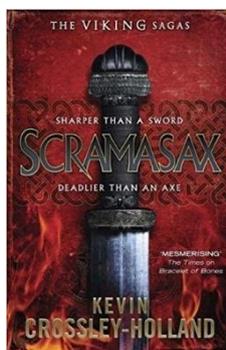
Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third was an awesome swordfighter, a dragon whisperer and the greatest Viking Hero that ever lived. Can Hiccup pass the Dragon Initiation Programme with a toothless dragon and fight the Seadragonus Giganticus Maximus before it gobbles up every Viking on Berk? It's time for Hiccup to learn how to be a hero.



F CRO

The Viking Sagas: Bracelet of Bones by Kevin Crossley-Holland

One morning Solveig wakes to find her father, Viking mercenary Halfdan, has broken his promise to her and gone to rejoin his friend, Harald Hardrada, in Constantinople, where he is leader of the Empress's guard. Deciding to follow him, Solveig sets off in a tiny boat and into an adventure along the Baltic and through the river routes of Russia to the Black Sea, encountering Swedish traders, a ghost-ship and a Russian king, and braving arrow-storms and witnessing a living sacrifice along the way.



F CRO

The Viking Sagas: Scramasax by Kevin Crossley-Holland

Solveig finds herself caught up in the conflict between the Viking guard and the Islamic people of nearby Sicily. In this world of competing religious beliefs, brutal violence and ruthless mercenaries, Solveig must face some terrible truths.

F DON

Viking Blood by Andrew Donkin

It's AD 1008, and after being injured in a raid that goes horribly wrong, Tor Scaldbane is devastated at losing his chance to be a legendary warrior. Then he discovers the sagas of his ancestors: glorious, bloody battles, ancient heroes, powerful gods... and realizes that all might not be lost after all.



F FRE

They Came on Viking Ships by Jackie French

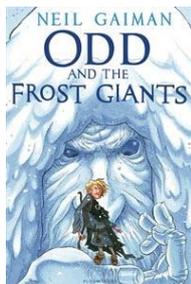
When Vikings raid and destroy a small coastal village, Hekja and her dog, Snarf, are captured and taken to Greenland. In this harsh and cold land, Hekja becomes a thrall - a slave - to Freydis Eriksdottir, daughter of the infamous Erik the Red. Hekja's fiery determination earns her the respect of her mistress.



F JEN

The Wild Hunt by Oskar Jensen

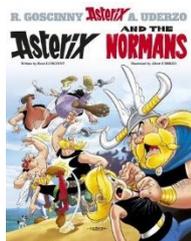
Astrid, a Viking princess, and the poet Leif are on the run, having been banished from Denmark. But Grimnir, a coldblooded assassin, has been sent to kill them. And that is the least of their worries, for Leif has managed to offend Odin, the king of the Norse gods, which means Odin's dreaded Wild Hunt is after them, and ready to take their lives in revenge.



F GAI

Odd and the Frost Giants by Neil Gaiman

Odd, the Viking boy, has run away from home, even though he can barely walk and has to use a crutch. Alone in the forest, he encounters a bear, a fox and an eagle, each of whom has a strange story to tell. They need Odd's help to save the city of Asgard from the Frost Giants who have invaded it. It's going to take a very special kind of boy to defeat the terrible Frost Giants and rescue the mighty gods. Someone cheerful and infuriating and clever. Someone just like Odd.



F GOS

Asterix and the Normans by R Goscinny and A Uderzo

The year is 50 B.C. Gaul is entirely occupied by the Romans. Well, not entirely... One small village of indomitable Gauls still holds out against Viking invaders. Life is not easy for the Roman legionaries who garrison the fortified camps of Totorum, Aquarium, Laudanum and Compendium...

F KIL

The Raiders by Garry Kilworth

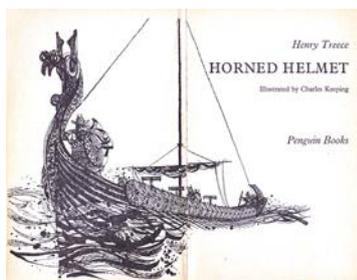
Has Luke discovered a Viking long boat? Does Svyen, a Viking warrior ghost, haunt the Essex marshes? The Essex salt marshes are under threat from developers. Can Luke save them - before every living creature is killed?



F SUT

Sword Song by Rosemary Sutcliffe

Banished from his home for a murder he didn't intend to commit, Bjarni, a Viking swordsman, takes up a new life as a mercenary. He journeys to the islands off the west coast of Scotland and there his life is shaped for years to come. For soon he is fighting among the clan chiefs in feuds as bitter and bloody as can be imagined.



F TRE

Horned Helmet by Henry Treece

A fugitive from his native Iceland and without family, Beorn cannot believe his good fortune in being adopted by a powerful Viking warrior. Plunged into a seafaring life that demands strength, determination and courage, Beorn rapidly grows from boy to man under the rigorous Viking code of conduct.



F WHA

Alpha Quest by Bruce Whatley and Rosie Smith

Join the Alpha Quest, a journey in search of treasure! Everyone is desperate to find the riches - Eagle and Emu, the goldfish in gliders, the Knight, the Pirate Pig, even the violent Viking. Can you find the 26 hidden pieces of the key to unlock the treasure? Let the quest begin!



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