Norse Culture The Big Myth

Viking History 3 in 1

A vivid retelling of Norse mythology that explores these legendary stories and their significance and influence on the Viking world. Valhalla and its pantheon of gods and heroes have always fascinated readers, whether it is how these tales illuminate the Viking world or influence cultural touchstones like J. R. R. Tolkien, whose Middle Earth is heavily indebted
to Germanic and Norse mythology, as well as Hollywood and comic-culture. In Tales of Valhalla, the Whittocks have dramatically retold these rich stories and sets them in context within the wider Viking world. Including both myths—stories, usually religious, which explain origins, why things are as they are, the nature of the spiritual—and legends—stories which attempt to explain historical events and which may involve historical characters but which are told in a non-historical way and which often include supernatural events—Tales from Valhalla is an accessible and lively volume that brings these hallmarks of world literature to a new generation.

**The Goddess**

This fascinating new book reveals the origins of the Vikings—from Thor and Leif Erikson to Loki and the Valkyries—and the tales that have influenced our own lives. For thousands of years, Vikings have held a storied place in our culture—their distinct appearance, their mighty longships, their reputation for causing death and destruction. But who were these strange and mysterious folk? The Book of Viking Myths retells the stories of the Viking people, with myths of their gods and goddesses, monsters, and great heroes. From tales of the beautiful and powerful Freyja, to the gold-toothed Heimdallr, to the wolf Fenrir, Peter Archer explores all the figures and tales that make up Norse mythology. Along with these legends of seafaring, dwarves, giants, and the exploits of Thor, you will also discover the influences that Viking culture has
had on our own lives. It’s a true exploration of Nordic culture—and a glimpse into the history and lore of these fabled Nordic warriors.

Norse Mythology

Viking Mythology

"I doubt I would have grown up to be the writer and artist I became had I not fallen in love with D’Aulaire’s Book of Greek Myths at the age of seven."—R. J. Palacio, author of Wonder Kids can lose themselves in a world of myth and magic while learning important cultural history in this beloved classic collection of Greek mythology. Now updated with a new cover and an afterword featuring never-before-published drawings from the sketchbook of Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire, plus an essay about their life and work and photos from the family archive. In print for over fifty years, D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths has introduced generations to Greek mythology—and continues to enthrall young readers. Here are the greats of ancient Greece—gods and goddesses, heroes and monsters—as freshly described in words and pictures as if they were alive today. No other volume of Greek mythology has inspired as many young readers as this timeless classic. Both adults and children alike will find this book a treasure for years to come.

Bulfinch's Greek and Roman Mythology

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The Book of Viking Myths

A bundle of three audiobooks about the Viking history and mythology. Book One: This audiobook is an in-depth look at the Viking Age, and the deeds and daily lives of these ancient, sometimes
mysterious people. The Vikings of Scandinavia were heroic, adventurous, and often barbaric, but there can be no debate that they were also a people with big aspirations. Viking culture is still a topic of interest today, and this offers an insight into just how enduring their legacy is. Book Two: In this audiobook, Norse Mythology: A Concise Guide to the Gods, Heroes, Sagas, Rituals, and Beliefs of Norse Mythology, the listener will be transported to the ancient customs of beliefs of the ancient Vikings of the North. This audiobook is dedicated to exploring the gods and goddesses that the Norse worshiped.

Book Three: The Tale of a Viking Warrior King delves into the mystery surrounding the Viking warrior who conquered European nations and became a king in his own right. Over nine centuries after the death of this great warrior, ancient poems, songs, and sagas about him still remain today. This audiobook considers the facts as we know them, the myths attributed to Ragnar, and the way this iconic heathen from the North continues to impact modern culture today.

**Norse Mythology**

Before the tide of Christianity cast its influence over the greater part of the Western World, magic and tradition were rich in the lives of the Nordic people. These great men and women of lore speak to us of glorified battles, strong noble bloodlines, and honor in the face of adversity. We celebrate the incredible tales of Loki and Frigga, the mighty Thor and the all-powerful Odin. Now the annals of history have offered us the great gift of studying and
understanding this magnificent culture. Readers young and old alike have the opportunity to explore this fascinating and awe-inspiring collection of religious stories and rich traditions belonging to such a complex belief system. Discover for yourself the magic and mystery in the stories of Baldur, Heimdall, and Idun. Uncover the ancient tale of the fortification of Asgard, the great kingdom of the Nordic gods, and the chilling story behind the binding of Fenrir. Even though thousands of years have passed since these cultural stories were first shared around the forges and fires of the Nordic populations, they still entrance and inspire us with the great deeds of the human race and the incredible gods who watched over them. Find your own wealth of inspiration among the tales of the great gods and goddesses once worshipped by the Vikings.

**Introduction to Norse Mythology for Kids**

Annotation. "From Asgard to Valhalla is the first book to show how and why the Norse myths have so powerfully resonated from era to era: from the Viking-age stories of ice and fire to the epic poetry of Beowulf: from the twilight of the gods in Wagner's Gotterdammerung to Marvel Comics' Mighty Thor; and from Neil Gaiman's American Gods to the cult appeal of Viking Metal. Heather O'Donoghue, who is an expert on Old Norse culture, shows in what ways the Norse myths have impacted on the western mind, across the fields of literature, art, music and politics. She considers the wider contexts of Norse mythology, including its origins, medieval expression and
reception in post-medieval societies right up to the present, distinguishing the myths in their original form from a host of later accretions, distortions and transformations."--Jacket.

**Norse Mythology**

Enter the world of myths and legends with this unforgettable compendium that spans the centuries and crosses the continents to share the greatest stories of all time. Sit back and enjoy more than 80 classic myths retold for the modern reader with engaging text and eye-catching graphics. Part of the Big Ideas series, The Mythology Book introduces the great and the good, from the gods of ancient Greece to the stories of the Cherokee People of North America. Going beyond the ancient worlds, this book brings to life influential tales of Aboriginal Australians and the Aztecs, each packed with compelling characters, plot twists and turns, and incredible insight into human existence. Discover the lessons behind every story and get to the heart of cultures far and wide through the inspiring narratives that capture the way communities work together to make sense of the world around them. This is essential reading for everyone who delights in stories of imagination, action, and adventure, taking new generations back in time to love and learn from the stories of the past.

**D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths**

"Discover Norse mythology through the enthralling exploits of all-powerful Odin, mighty Thor, and the trickster Loki."--Front jacket flap.
The Mythology Book

The Poetic Edda

Find out more about Vikings' historic background, their myths, and their gods. This book is an in-depth look at the Viking Age, and the deeds and every day lives of these ancient, often mystical individuals. The Vikings of Scandinavia were brave, adventurous, and typically barbaric, but there can be no debate that they were also a people with huge goals. Viking culture is still a subject of interest today, and this offers an insight into simply how sustaining their tradition is. This book will discuss: An intro to the Nordic pagan belief systems, and the diverse methods which their religious practices were included into their every day lives. Popular Nordic sagas, a description of what legends were, and examples of the most crucial sagas within the Norse culture. Daily life during the Viking Age. The cultural and social norms of the Vikings. Dominating raids, expeditions, and Viking actions that covered the globe during their golden era. The conversion from paganism to Christianity of individuals of Scandinavia. The Vikings withstanding tradition in contemporary time. A description and explanation of the Norse mythological Gods and Goddesses, and which people the Gods mentioned belonged to. A description of the most revered Norse routines and celebrations, and how their beliefs left their impression on spiritual practices that are still held by Christianity today. The Norse had lots of heroes of myths and legend, and you will be presented to
both stories of myth, and livings, breathing, Viking heroes that were revered. Norse Mythology is complex, complicated, and the ideals behind their mythological beliefs were often intertwined with real life occasions. This book will take a look at how both myth and reality added to the culture and traditions of the Norse, and how these influences and stories continue to live on throughout the centuries! The Tale of a Viking Warrior King looks into the secret surrounding the Viking warrior who conquered European nations and became a king in his own right. Over 9 centuries after the death of this great warrior, ancient poems, songs, and legends about him still remain today. This book thinks about the truths as we know them, the myths credited to Ragnar, and the method this iconic heathen from the north continues to effect modern culture today. This book will go over: The historical facts and suppositions surrounding this Viking of legend The Retelling of the Saga of Ragnar, and his three better halves How Ragnar's children ended up being an important part of the legend that Ragnar represents, and the stories that they influenced How, regardless of centuries of time, Ragnar and Vikings of his time assisted shape concepts and typical customs that are still kept today

In the Beginning

This definitive and unique collection present thirty-four of the most important Viking myths, heroic legends, and historical sagas, many previously known only within the academic world. Gods, giantesses, dwarfs, valkyries, ghosts, and
dragons mingle with real-life queens, kings, slaves, lovers, and outlaws. Visions of the mythical creation and end of the world contrast with a graphic account of the Vikings' discovery of North America. It includes tales of the cursed ring that inspired Tolkien and the story behind Shakespeare's Hamlet. Written by a master storyteller in consultation with leading scholars, the book also contains proverbs, spells, poems, riddles, detailed notes and a comprehensive glossary, offering a unique insight into Viking Age culture and beliefs.

**Favorite Norse Myths**

*Includes pictures  *Includes medieval accounts of Norse mythology *Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading Much of what is known of the Norse myths comes from the 10th century onwards. Until this time and, indeed, for centuries afterwards, Norse culture (particularly that of Iceland, where the myths were eventually transcribed) was an oral culture. In fact, in all Scandinavian countries well into the 13th century laws were memorized by officials known as "Lawspeakers" who recited them at the "Thing." The Thing was the legislative assembly in Scandinavia "held for judicial purposes." One of the most famous of these Lawspeakers was the Icelander Snorri Sturluson, a masterful writer who wrote the Prose Edda in the thirteenth century. There are other sources for the Norse myths, namely the later "Poetic Edda," a collection of poems and prose work, and other sagas but the Snorri's Prose Edda is the most complete work whose attribution is known to
modern scholars. The Prose Edda is a collection of Norse Myths split into three sections, the Gylfaginning (the Deluding of Gylfi), the Skáldskaparmál (the Language of Poetry) and the Háttatal (the Enumeration of Meters). The first has a frame story that entails a Swedish King, Gylfi, disguising himself as an old man, Gangleri, when he journeys to Asgard to meet the gods. When he arrives, he meets three men - "High One, Just-As-High, and Third" - who reveal to him stories of the world and the gods. The second section contains a warning for Christians not to believe in the Norse gods, specifically the two families, the Æsir and the Vanir, but also refutes the notion that they were demons, which was a common supposition among some Christians at the time. The Prose Edda begins in this line of thought with a euhemeristic prologue, which traces the history of the Norse Gods as human heroes of Troy, making Thor one of King Priam's sons. The Norse Myths also appear to follow a chronological narrative, which the historian John Lindow describes as having a "Mythical Past, Present and Future," and it is believed that Snorri, a Christian, recorded these pagan beliefs to preserve and explain the stylistic poetry of Iceland, particularly the popular descriptive devices known as kennings. A kenning is made up of a base word and a modifying word that is used to describe a separate object. For example, "Gold" had a great many kennings, one of which was "Sif's Hair." If, however, the memory of Loki cutting off Sif's hair and replacing it with gold were lost, then this kenning would make no sense to later readers. There are many of these allusions to the myths, and it is thanks to them that the myths have survived. Thanks to recent
Hollywood depictions of the Norse gods, they are more popular than ever before. For example, despite the virtual disappearance of the indigenous Norse religion and mythology several centuries ago, modern society still regularly encounters the storm god Thor, who continues to be brought back to life in the form of literature and has recently been the protagonist in several blockbuster movies. At the same time, the scarcity of literature about them leaves room for plenty of debate. Modern scholars have to base their theories of Norse gods and the cult practices that are associated with them on fragmentary and untrustworthy sources, but, despite this, for many of the gods there is enough specific information to form a nearly full picture of their character and functions. Norse Mythology: The History of the Norse Pantheon and the Most Famous Myths looks at the origins of the legendary deities and the stories about them. Along with pictures depicting important people, places, and events, you will learn about Norse mythology like never before.

**Encyclopedia of Norse and Germanic Folklore, Mythology, and Magic**

"It's amazing how in a world as cold as ice there are emotions that burn like fire." In ancient times, among the majestic scenery of the Scandinavian lands, the deeds of heroes and warriors forged the tradition of the Nordic peoples. The original myths and tales, initially transmitted only orally from generation to generation, were then transcribed and brought to the present day. Thus was born the Norse
Mythology. A real world of gods and great heroes that tells a vision of the cosmos in a unique way. We find ourselves in northern Europe among the Vikings originating in Scandinavia, Denmark and northern Germany. Great fighters and often depicted as bloodthirsty, they were actually also cultured people with a strong identity and culture. Therefore they had their own clear cosmology and a series of divine figures that, through tales and legends, contained their explanation to what was happening in their world, to the meaning of life and of everything that surrounded them. Inside "Norse Mythology: Discovering the Nordic Myths: a journey through Gods, Heroes and Legends that have made great the Myths of the North." by Mythologist Vittorino D'Ancona, you will be immersed in this world and you will discover its history.

**Tales of Valhalla: Norse Myths and Legends**

The myths of the Aztec and Maya derive from a shared Mesoamerican cultural tradition. This is very much a living tradition, and many of the motifs and gods mentioned in early sources are still evoked in the lore of contemporary Mexico and Guatemala. Professor Taube discusses the different sources for Aztec and Maya myths. The Aztec empire began less than 200 years before the Spanish conquest, and our knowledge of their mythology derives primarily from native colonial documents and manuscripts commissioned by the Spanish. The Maya mythology is far older, and our knowledge of it comes mainly from native manuscripts of the Classic period, over 600 years before the Spanish conquest. Drawing on these
sources as well as nineteenth- and twentieth-century excavations and research, including the interpretation of the codices and the decipherment of Maya hieroglyphic writing, the author discusses, among other things, the Popol Vuh myths of the Maya, the flood myth of Northern Yucatan, and the Aztec creation myths.

**Treasury of Norse Mythology**

GAIMAN! RUSSELL! MIGNOLA! ORDWAY! New York Times bestselling author Neil Gaiman and Eisner Award-winning comics legend P. Craig Russell breathe new life into the ancient Norse stories by taking readers through the creation of the Nine Worlds to the epic origin and adventures of Thor, Odin, and Loki all the way to the end of life—Ragnarok. Having previously written about deities in American Gods and The Sandman, Gaiman teams with Russell to finally bring readers to follow the northern gods in their own setting in this comic book adaptation of the hit novel!

**D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths**

"Discover viking mythology, from Asgard to Valhalla! Vikings lived a long time ago, but that doesn't mean their history, myths, and stories aren't still exciting today! Get to know the fascinating stories behind your favorite Norse gods, goddesses, heroes, villains, and monsters in this fun introduction to Norse mythology. You'll learn all about Thor and his hammer Mjolnir, the cunning and mischievous adventures of the trickster Loki, and Freyja, the beautiful goddess with the falcon cloak. Uncover
fantastical creatures, fearsome monsters, and epic battles—all from ancient Scandinavia—with stories including: Thor and the Clay Giant, The Death of Baldr, Loki's Dangerous Children, and more! Plus you'll learn what daily life was like for Vikings, how they fought, and more! If you love learning about history, or are a fan of the Thor and Loki movies, this book is the perfect collection of Norse trivia!"--Provided by publisher.

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The Prose Edda

Explore eighty of the world's greatest myths and characters, from the gods of Greek mythology to the Norse heroes, retold and explained with engaging text and bold graphics. From early creation stories to classical hero narratives and the recurring theme of the afterlife, experience each myth and unravel the meanings behind the stories, getting to the heart of the importance of mythology to different cultures worldwide. More than just stories, myths are a testament to the amazing creativity of humans striving to explain and make sense of the world around them. Here you will discover Zeus, god of the sky and ruler of the Olympian gods, and Loki, the cunning trickster with a knack for causing havoc, aided by his ability to change shape and gender. Beyond the gods and goddesses of Ancient Greek, Roman, and Norse myths, this book delves into the stories of the Australian aborigines, the Cherokee, and the Aztecs, each brimming with amazing characters and insights into human existence. This newest title in the bestselling Big Ideas series pairs engaging visual style with global coverage of world myths - profiling everything from the well-known tales of the Greeks, Norsemen, and Egyptians to the legends of
the Caribbean, the Americas, Oceania, and East Asia – bringing the wisdom of the ages to life.

**Norse Myths: A Guide to the Gods and Heroes**

The great Norse Myths are among the most dramatic and unforgettable stories in all human history. These fascinating, fantastical tales have inspired centuries of art, culture and literature, including the storytelling of Tolkien, Neil Gaiman, George RR Martin's Game of Thrones, Wagner's Ring Cycle and Marvel Comics. The Norse Myths takes us on a thrilling journey through the Norse cosmos, from the creation of the world to Ragnarok, the final world-destroying conflict; via the Nine Worlds, and the exploits of the mighty gods and goddesses – mystical Odin, malicious Loki, mighty Thor and more – and their quarrel with the giants. Bringing to life the magical world of monsters and mythical creatures, this also introduces the adventures of humankind: folk heroes and tricksters; Sigmund's great battle in the Volsung Saga; the exploits of Kings and Princes; and Viking exploration and settlement of new lands including Iceland, Greenland, America, and Viking life in the Mediterranean and the East. As well as a treasure trove of these epic stories of heroism and cruelty, squabbles and seductions, The Norse Myths is a comprehensive study of their origins, survival and interpretations – as academically important as it is exhilarating.

**Viking Mythology**
The Caldecott medal-winning d'Aulaires once again captivate their young audience with this beautifully illustrated introduction to Norse legends, telling stories of Odin the All-father, Thor the Thunder-god and the theft of his hammer, Loki the mischievous god of the Jotun Race, and Ragnarokk, the destiny of the gods. Children meet Bragi, the god of poetry, and the famous Valkyrie maidens, among other gods, goddesses, heroes, and giants. Illustrations throughout depict the wondrous other world of Norse folklore and its fantastical Northern landscape.

**Norse Myths**

For as long as we have sought god, we have found the goddess. Ruling over the imaginations of humankind’s earliest agricultural civilizations, she played a critical spiritual role as a keeper of nature’s fertile powers and an assurance of the next sustaining harvest. In *The Goddess*, David Leeming and Christopher Fee take us all the way back into prehistory, tracing the goddess across vast spans of time to tell the epic story of the transformation of belief and what it says about who we are. Leeming and Fee use the goddess to gaze into the lives and souls of the people who worshipped her. They chart the development of traditional Western gender roles through an understanding of the transformation of concepts of the Goddess from her earliest roots in India and Iran to her more familiar faces in Ireland and Iceland. They examine the subordination of the goddess to the god as human civilizations became mobile and began to look upon masculine deities for assurances of survival in movement.
and battle. And they show how, despite this history, the goddess has remained alive in our spiritual imaginations, in figures such as the Christian Virgin Mother and, in contemporary times, the new-age resurrection of figures such as Gaia. The Goddess explores this central aspect of ancient spiritual thought as a window into human history and the deepest roots of our beliefs.

**Viking Myths and Sagas**

Thor. Does it ring a bell? Thor is the mighty God of Thunder and Protector of Asgard. For Marvel fans, this name is obviously representing something big. For some, however, it's still quite intriguing. How did the story of the mighty Thor, Asgard, Odin, and Loki started? They all come from one of the ancient myths that shaped the modern world; Norse Mythology. Isn't it nice to learn one of the great ancient mythologies to date? If this is indeed your first foray into the subject of Norse Mythology, you will find that it calls for an adjustment in the way you see things. You will need to prepare yourself for a very different world, one where there is often no logic as you understand it, no justice as administered by a modern court of law, and very little point in asking "why." Norse mythology contains various legends and myths. Most of these have to do with ancient gods and heroes, but are also connected to the creation and destruction of the Universe. This book will be your starting point of diving into the world of greatness! This book covers the following topics: The Nine Realms The Beginning Norse Gods and Goddesses Hero of
Norse Mythology has its own unique features; it was often used to frighten children; just as different myths have frightened people through the ages. Norse myth has served as an inspiration to many people interested in fantasy for a number of reasons. The Gods are compelling as are their stories. This alone provides many with a source of inspiration. But one of the major things about Norse myth that inspires is its wide cast of characters. Are you pumped to delve deep into Norse Mythology? Click Buy Now!

Mythology

The stories of Norse myths and legends are a terrific introduction to Viking culture, history, science, and traditions, which thrived in Scandinavia from the eighth to the eleventh centuries. But who were the Norse, who left their homelands in Denmark, Norway, and Sweden to trade, raid, and explore around the world? In Explore Norse Myths! With 25 Great Projects, young readers discover the remarkable people and mythical creatures of old. Learning about Norse myths means unearthing the origin of Viking beliefs, as well as exploring their ships, tools, and other technology that flourished for nearly 450 years. Along the way, kids will read how Norse myths helped explain the natural world from thunder to the seasons, from creation to death. They may be surprised at how Norse myths continue to influence modern culture in the form of movies.
and books, including the new series by Rick Riordan. Readers will read Norse stories and learn about the adventures of real Norse explorers, including Erik the Red and Leif Erikson. Through a mixture of fun facts, trivia, jokes, comics, and hands-on activities, kids will dig up Scandinavia's past and sail the seas along with the gods and giants in Explore Norse Myths!

**Myths of the Rune Stone**

A collection of rarely retold tales from the "Elder Edda" and the "Younger Edda", two six-hundred-year-old Norse Manuscripts.

**Aztec and Maya Myths**

World Mythology is a compilation of over 50 great myths and epics. Your students will gain an appreciation and understanding of ancient and modern cultures through myths and epics from the Middle East, Greece and Rome, the Far East and Pacific islands, the British Isles, Northern Europe, Africa, and the Americas. An introduction and historical background supplement each myth. Questions at the end of each selection prompt analysis and response.

**From Asgard to Valhalla**

Coinciding with the new Rick Riordan Magnus Chase series and the Marvel Age of Ultron DVD, featuring Thor, comes a new look at Asgard and the timeless tales of ancient Scandinavia. Classic stories and dazzling illustrations of gods, goddesses, heroes and monsters come to life
in a stunning tableau of Norse myths, including those of the thunder god Thor, the one-eyed god and Allfather Odin, and the trickster god Loki. The lyrical storytelling of award-winning author Donna Jo Napoli dramatizes the timeless tales of ancient Scandinavia. This book is the third in the trilogy that includes the popular National Geographic Treasury of Greek Mythology and National Geographic Treasury of Egyptian Mythology.

A Dictionary of Creation Myths

Meet the Original Superheroes. Before there was Batman, Wonder Woman, or Black Panther there was Indra, Hindu king of gods, who battled a fearsome snake to save the world from drought. Athena, the powerful Greek goddess of wisdom who could decide the fate of battles before they even began. Okuninushi, the Japanese hero who defeated eighty brothers to become king and then traded it all for a chance at immortality. Featuring more than 70 characters from 23 cultures around the world, this A-to-Z encyclopedia of mythology is a who's who of powerful gods and goddesses, warriors and kings, enchanted creatures and earthshaking giants whose stories have been passed down since the beginning of time—and are now given fresh life for a new generation of young readers. Plus, You'll Learn All About: Dragons: The Hydra, St. George's Dragon, and the Australian Rainbow Snake Giants: Grendel, Balor of the Evil Eye, Polyphemus, and the Purusha with the thousand heads Monsters: Manticore, Sphinx, Minotaur, Thunderbird, and Echidne, mother of the Nemean lion that nearly killed Heracles Underworlds:
In the stories of the ancient Vikings, Thor is a warrior without equal, who wields his mighty hammer in battles against trolls, giants, and dragons. He is the god of storms and thunder, who rides to war in a chariot pulled by goats, and who is fated to fall in battle with the Midgard Serpent during Ragnarok, the end of all things. This book collects the greatest myths and legends of the thunder god, while also explaining their historical context and their place in the greater Norse mythology. It also covers the history of Thor as a legendary figure, how he was viewed by different cultures from the Romans to the Nazis, and how he endures today as a popular heroic figure.

Explore Norse Myths!

An illustrated collection of twenty-five myths from various parts of the world explaining the creation of the world.

The Mythology Book

Retells Greek, Roman, and Norse myths, identifies their heroes and deities, and discusses the philosophical background of each culture.

Norse Mythology #1

An excellent translation of the Prologue, Gylfaginning, and Skáldskaparmál (the technical
section on poetry, the Háttatal, is omitted.).

**Thor**

What do our myths say about us? Why do we choose to believe stories that have been disproven? David M. Krueger takes an in-depth look at a legend that held tremendous power in one corner of Minnesota, helping to define both a community’s and a state’s identity for decades. In 1898, a Swedish immigrant farmer claimed to have discovered a large rock with writing carved into its surface in a field near Kensington, Minnesota. The writing told a North American origin story, predating Christopher Columbus’s exploration, in which Viking missionaries reached what is now Minnesota in 1362 only to be massacred by Indians. The tale’s credibility was quickly challenged and ultimately undermined by experts, but the myth took hold. Faith in the authenticity of the Kensington Rune Stone was a crucial part of the local Nordic identity. Accepted and proclaimed as truth, the story of the Rune Stone recast Native Americans as villains. The community used the account as the basis for civic celebrations for years, and advocates for the stone continue to promote its validity despite the overwhelming evidence that it was a hoax. Krueger puts this stubborn conviction in context and shows how confidence in the legitimacy of the stone has deep implications for a wide variety of Minnesotans who embraced it, including Scandinavian immigrants, Catholics, small-town boosters, and those who desired to commemorate the white settlers who died in the Dakota War of 1862. Krueger demonstrates how the
resilient belief in the Rune Stone is a form of civil religion, with aspects that defy logic but illustrate how communities characterize themselves. He reveals something unique about America’s preoccupation with divine right and its troubled way of coming to terms with the history of the continent’s first residents. By considering who is included, who is left out, and how heroes and villains are created in the stories we tell about the past, Myths of the Rune Stone offers an enlightening perspective on not just Minnesota but the United States as well.

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**Norse Mythology for Kids and Adults**

An exhilarating introduction to the vivid, violent, boisterous world of the Norse myths and
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This collection of Norse-Icelandic mythological and heroic poetry contains the greater narratives of the creation of the world and the coming of Ragnarok, the Doom of the Gods.
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**World Mythology: An Anthology of Great Myths and Epics**

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