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This heavily illustrated history tells the story of Norway, from it's earliest ancient days to the rise of the Vikings and its establishment as a state up to Magnus the Blind in 1135. Richly illustrated throughout, this eBook is formatted for Kindle devices and the Kindle for iOS apps. Contents include: WHO WERE THE NORSEMEN? THE RELIGION OF THE NORSEMEN. THE AGE OF THE VIKINGS. THE ORIGIN OF THE VIKING CRUISES. HALFDAN THE SWARTHY HAROLD THE FAIRHAired (860-930) ERIK BLOOD-AXE (930-935) HAAKON THE GOOD (935-961) HAROLD GRAYFELL AND HIS BROTHERS (961-970) EARL HAAKON (970-995) THE YOUTH OF OLAF TRYGGVESSON OLAF TRYGGVESSON (995-1000) THE EARLS ERIK AND SWEYN HAAKONSSON (1000-1015). THE DISCOVERY OF VINLAND. OLAF THE SAINT (1016-1030) SWEYN ALFIFASSON (1030-1035) MAGNUS THE GOOD (1035-1047) HAROLD SIGURDSSON HARD-RULER (1047-1066) OLAF THE QUIET (KYRRE) (1066-1093) AND MAGNUS HAROLDSSON (1066-1069) MAGNUS BAREFOOT (1093-1103) AND HAAKON MAGNUSSON (1093-1095) EYSTEIN (1103-1122), SIGURD THE CRUSADER (1103-1130), AND OLAF MAGNUSSON (1103-1115). MAGNUS THE BLIND (1130-1135) AND HAROLD GILLE (1130-1136)

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Customer Reviews

Very interesting book, though it was a bit difficult following the names - lots of Magnuses, Olafs and Ingeborgs. Did a lot of rereading before I could put all the pegs in the proper holes. The table of contents lists the rulers in chronological order, which was a big help - couldn't tell the players without a program (Magnus the Good, Magnus Barefoot, Olaf the Saint, Olaf the Quiet, etc.). Once you get used to the naming style, it is a fairly easy read. This is not a cut and dried history book, there is a lot of action (the Norse favorite past time was fighting and producing pretenders to the throne) and Hjalmar Boyesen injects a wee bit of humor in places. I was surprised to learn that a form of democracy was the basis for early Norse government. Matters of community importance and meting out of justice were decided by popular assembly - the ting, at which any free man was entitled to speak. The book is well researched, well written and was proofread!! I recommend it highly to history buffs or anyone, like me, of Norwegian descent. I am currently 75% of the way through The Story of Norway - Volume II.

Very detailed. The history is terrific. Great insight on origins of Norway, Sweden and Denmark

I'm still plowing through. So much detail and information. But I want to know it all!

Interesting - some new things were uncovered

Great historical volumes

This was a good early history of Norway, though it starts with a glorification of the Aryan race, which is no longer politically correct, though it was at the time the book was written.

Info is good, but it's pretty hard to get into. It's written like a school textbook and not much fun to read.

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