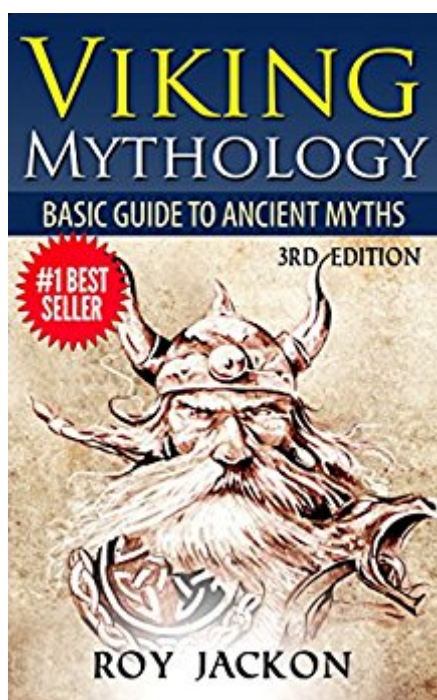


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Customer Reviews

This book by Roy Jackson is very thorough and very detailed and I feel it is more than just a basic guide to all things Viking. Why were the Vikings the most feared force in all of Europe? Some of it may be the myths that were attached to them, myths that the author goes through and dispels, like they had horns on their helmets. They didn't even wear helmets and didn't have long hair and beards. Didn't wear armor, except that plundered from their fallen enemies. They were seen as barbaric, but the authors explain this. One of their favorite targets were monasteries, churches and religious shrines. The Christian or civilized people whom they attacked couldn't understand why the Vikings, or Norsemen would do this and called them barbaric, but to the Viking they were easy pickings. A lot of this book was about the mythology of the Norsemen, their Gods and Goddesses. Of course we've all heard of Odin and Thor and even Loki, the trickster, but the author covers all the deities. I was particularly interested in Kvasir, the god of knowledge and wisdom. There was no question or riddle he could not answer and went house to house answering each person's question. The story of how he was tricked was fun as are the stories being all of the gods and the different levels of heaven and earth. A good, fun read.

"Viking Mythology: Ancient Myths, Gods and Warriors" This book is fascinating and full of knowledge. I enjoyed reading and found out that many of my childhood heroes (comics and Sci-fi) arise from the Viking Mythology. I was impressed by the list of varied items and weapons from the world of the Viking mythology. I highly recommend this book to the lovers of mythology.

The reason why mythology is so important and religion is crucial to understanding a person is that faith is the soul of a civilization. It is the moral compass and standard by which a people conducts him or herself. If a people believe in savage and brutal tales, there must be some reason behind it. So the study of mythology is not just fun, fanciful tales that were once believed and magical beings that were once worshipped. This was the reasons and the lessons that guided entire generations

along their paths. During the 9th and 10th Vikings in their longships brought much of British Isles and Europe to their knees. We now know that there was much, much more to the Viking civilization and their voyages in the famous longships than war and pillage. Many voyages were for exploration, the opening of trade routes and the search for trade partners. Much of what the Vikings were about can be discovered in this book about their religion/mythology. If for no other reason the author's rich, well written descriptions of the Norse Gods, their roles in the fabric of their mythology, and their stories are exciting and fun to read. Interestingly you discover that these are more than stories of war and killing, they establish standards of proper and moral behavior. You will learn that there is much more to the Norse Civilization and their Mythology than you might have previously believed. I loved this book and believe you will also find it an excellent read!

Before reading this book I thought that the Vikings were very rough nation and that their life consisted of continuous warfare. Now I understand that these people were not monsters or demons that others should be relegated to cartoons. This book contains very interesting information about the Vikings and their gods, also on their lifestyle. I've enjoyed reading this, and I'm very happy that I came across this book. High recommended!

An excellent purchase for anyone who reads literature, or is just interested in the ancient myths. It provides interesting information about different aspects of mythology ! Easy and mildly entertaining read. Good beginning for those with passing interest in the subject ! This extremely handy reference book is ideal for browsing, or for using as a tool to assist in your academic readings Great for all ages.

This book painted a whole new image of the Vikings for me. It's funny how I am one of those who are so clueless about the rich history of this people that I actually believed the myth about them having horns in their helmets. (Okay, that's a spoiler right there.) I'd recommend this to those who are as clueless as I was!

A must-read for everybody who is interested in ancient mythology. Viking Mythology: Ancient Myths, Gods and Warriors is truly and inspiring journey into our history. Rich in information and fascinating writing makes for a truly enjoyable read. If you want to know more about ancient myths and gods and understand more of the history that shapes us all, I highly recommend this book.

Reading this I got a more of a understanding of the Vikings way of life. This book explains everything right down to their weapons, foods, cloths and my favorite there God.. This book show that the Vikings were not as mean or as hateful as other think they are, they are no different then any other in their time. A most read book

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