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The Vikings, Lords of the Seas, By Yves Cohat
What a great little book this is. It is reminiscent of the small pocket field guides that you could buy at the check-out counters of grocery stores when I was a kid. The main difference between those and this book is that this work is for adults and much better illustrated. If you are looking for a quick, inexpensive and fairly accurate synopsis of the Norse explosion onto the world stage in the 900's, this is the book for you. The book is lavishly illustrated with some of the clearest photos and sharpest, accurate drawings I've ever run across. This book covers nearly every aspect of Old Norse life. Despite a few minor errors I think that the book and the translation were very competently done. The last section of the book, "Documents", give the reader a quick and dirty taste of the Edda's & Sagas, Runes, everyday Norse life and more. I also liked the "Chronology" section at the end of the book. While it is not as detailed as I would have preferred, it does give the reader a continuity of events going on at the same time. All and all very enjoyable, informative and reasonably priced overview of the period.
Frith, Spence
"Sic gorgiamus allos subjectatos nunc"
M. Addams

Within a day after getting this book I had finished reading it. The book's strongest point is its

illustrations: paintings of what artists thought the Vikings looked like; maps; and photos of Viking artifacts, ruins and habitats. The last portion of the book consists of excerpts from writings by or about the Norsemen. The text suffers slightly by being a translation. It implies that Weland the Smith was a real person. I doubt that the author originally intended to give that impression. I noticed a slight error at one point in the book. The number of doors in Valhalla magically grew from 540 to 550 in just a few pages! The Vikings are a fascinating subject, and this book does them justice. So if you are interested in the Vikings you will enjoy it and learn much as well.

I found this book to be thoroughly enjoyable. I had no idea how much the Vikings impacted European civilization until I read this book. I knew that they came from Sweden, Norway, and Denmark but I did not realize to the extent that they traveled and settled. This book is a must for anyone seeking knowledge of the Vikings Religion, Daily Life, Colonies, and various other aspects. You will find out that these people were not just warriors but people just like you and I.

see the review of the Discoveries book of Marilyn Monroe, it was a rave, but it was about the whole series. this is just a wonderful history book of the arts left behind of the Vikings, which i knew nothing in particular about, before reading this book. i wish these were used in school...i would have gotten a better grade and education out of it.

While this book has great illustrations and pictures, the writing is biased depicting the Vikings as savages - even using very outdated terminology - when later works demonstrate that they were no more savage than other groups - just different.

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