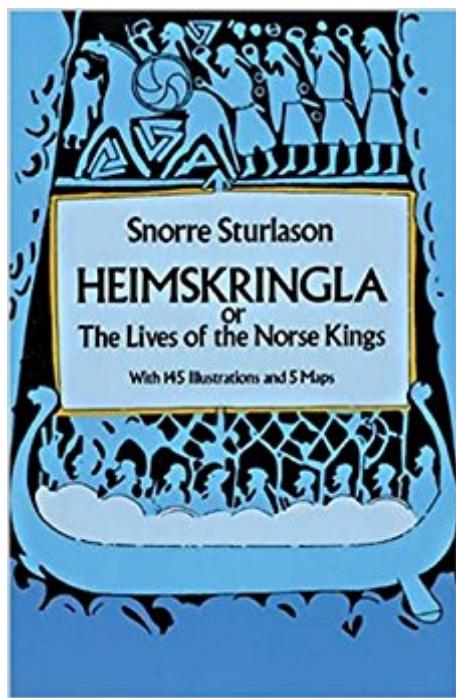


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Text: English (translation)

Bought for bibliophile teen following a trip to Norway this summer. She was quite excited to receive, and has indicated she has enjoyed reading it. Not sure if she has finished it, but she was seen reading it on many occasions.

GIFT AND THEY LOVE IT !

ItsExactly what i was looking for ! Lots of info.

This book was well worth the money. Even though a used copy, it was in excellent condition much better than I expected. This is a fairly good translation of the Heimskringla, but I wish the editors would have included more in the way of introductory, background and critical material. Granted

there is a little, but I would have like more. But this might not be a problem for most people. If you don't have a lot of money to spend, I would go with this edition.

This compendium of the norse kings' chronicles is a great effort to keep the flavor and literary rhythym of the original works by Snorri Sturluson. The extensive annotations and clarifications make this an ideal reference work for navigating the labyrinth of icelandic and norse sagas and other literature from the Scandinavian side of the sea. It's an ideal companion to an aggregation of the norse sagas. If this volume has a shortcoming, that is that it lacks what all of the present-day renderings of the related body of literature could have to add interest for the novice: up-to-date maps keyed to the individual chronicles. But in fairness, that could be a volume in itself, for sure! Criticism of this translation of the Snorri's chronicles of the lives of the norse kings as "victorian" is not very insightful. First, the Victorian era ended with the 20th century (Queen Victoria died in 1899). This volume dates at the earliest back to 1932. Second, expecting a translation that reads like Harry Potter does a major disservice to both Snorri's and the editorial board/translators' efforts. It might make for a more casual read, but that isn't the purpose of this volume. Perhaps a version of Clif's Notes or a lighter pictoral Marvel's comics edition will be forthcoming...

This is the best history book that I have ever read. It is very full of history and details without any author input of personal opinions. I have been doing genealogy and this book has cleared up some questions that I could not find answers to anywhere. The book is well worth it for anyone into history or genealogy.

Birthday gift for my son. We are Norse, and he is studying his ancestry.

A gift that brought a lot of joy. I would do business with this supplier again. Keep up the good work!

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