



least ought to own a book written in English, and telling about the Vikings. And when I out here have telling about all of the places to where the Vikings were sailing, I especially are getting into problem when taking about the Faeroes, which nobody knows anything about, and as it is so small it is nearly impossible to shown I on my Globe. So I at last started searching after an easy and good book telling about the Vikings, a book with pictures and cards. And the first time I in discovered The Penguin Historical Atlas of the Vikings, and then was looking inside the book, I immediately ordered one copy. And after now having received and read it, I must say that its a very good book about the Vikings, probably the one which I would choose if I only was allowed to own a single book about the Vikings. The book is extremely detailed concerning all of the places to where respectively the Danish, Norwegians, or Swedish Vikings were travelling, and with the marks for at which year. So most of the book is containing Atlases with the accompanying text pages, but we also are getting many sides with pictures and drawings concerning their daily life, small towns, round forts, churches, warrior weapons, ships, their gods the Thor, with 8 legged horse Sleipnir, and the Odin and so on, and we learn how they by their settling all over Europe resulted in the starts of some of the later big cities. But as a remark, on the side 40 we are reading that its not known how the Vikings found around on the ocean, as the compass not yet was invented. But during some years most historians now believes that the Vikings were using the Sunstone, the stone which nearly looks like a part of a crystal, and comes from Iceland, and by which they through the clouds can locate the Sun. Such one was found in a ship which sank around 500 years ago, and after the discovering of this one it now is believed that the Viking used Sunstones and that these followed the owners into the graves and there deformed during the years. And as one more remark concerning if the Vikings totally left America. I still remember that I around 25 years ago was reading that it then was discovered that some of the Vikings had settled in North America. Because it was found that a tripe of mostly white haired Indians all died by an sickness which was brought with the immigrants back around the year 1880, and now by DNA was found to be connected to the Scandinavians. Of course, during the past year new research has proved that the Indian came from Japan and Scandinavia thousands of years before the Vikings discovered North America. In the book we by historical writing are getting a touch of the Sagas, and we especially read about the Icelandic Sagas, and learn about how good writings they contain. For persons that want to learn more about the Vikings especially the Icelandic Sagas, like Njals Saga, are telling good stories. But I cannot recommend a special book, because all of my Saga books are written in Danish, so I dont know which of these translated into English either is good or bad translated. But especially concerning the Icelandic Sagas they just this year have been finished in a totally new translating into 5 books in Danish, and in these books we now are getting more juicy telling, precisely as they were written, by not earlier allowed to be told to us. So thereby when looking after a book with a Saga then think about looking on at which year it was translated, and probably these new Danish will come in English, and in case so Ill have them, even though I have the older one. But finally, and again, its an excellent book with the many Atlas showing to where the Viking went. First by this book I for example discovered that the Vikings in 844 went into Seville, I never thought that they went inside Spain. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very nice book, but the print is a bit small. By Andrew My dad really likes this atlas, but he said the print is really small. I looked at it, and he is right. I wish they made it with bigger print because it is a really nice book, great pictures and great articles. I was going to get a different gift for my dad, but he said he wanted to keep it.

Viking marauders in their longships burst through the defences of ninth-century Europe, striking terror into the hearts of peasants and rulers alike for two centuries. But the Vikings were more than just marine warriors and this atlas shows their development as traders and craftsmen, explorers, settlers and mercenaries. With over sixty full colour maps, it follows the tracks of the Viking merchants who travelled deep into Russia, of Viking mercenaries who served in the emperors bodyguard at Constantinople, and Viking mariners who sailed beyond the edge of the known world to North America.

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