



A VIKING READING LIST

for those who want to learn more about the Viking Age

General introductions for adults and older children:

- Roesdahl, Else: *The Vikings*. Penguin, 1998. Probably the most approachable volume on the Viking era, with a complete summary of Norse history, culture, daily life, and religion, but with few illustrations.
- Graham-Campbell, James, et al: *Cultural Atlas of the Viking World*. Facts on File, 1994. A large format, heavily illustrated book.
- Haywood, John: *The Penguin Historical Atlas of the Vikings*. Penguin, 1995. Another introductory text with many illustrations.

Writings by the Vikings (and their contemporaries and descendants):

- Órnólfur Thorsson, ed.: *The Sagas of the Icelanders, A Selection*. Viking, 2000. A new English translation of some of the best of the Icelandic family sagas.
- Page, R.I.: *Chronicles of the Vikings*. University of Toronto Press, 1995. A compilation of texts by the Norse people and their contemporaries.

Norse Mythology

- Crossley-Holland, Kevin: *The Norse Myths*. Pantheon, 1980. The author retells (and embellishes) the Norse stories in modern English prose. This is a good place for a casual reader to get an overview of the Norse mythology.
- Page, R.I.: *Norse Myths*. University of Texas Press, 1990. Delightful, pithy, and witty summaries of the Norse myths.
- Larrington, Carolyne, tr.: *Poetic Edda*. Oxford University Press, 1996. A good English translation of the poems that form the basis of the Norse myths.

For younger readers:

- Clare, John D., ed. *The Vikings*. Gulliver Books, 1992. An introduction to the Vikings for younger readers, lavishly illustrated with detailed photographs. (Living History Series)
- Margeson, Susan M.: *Viking*. Alfred A. Knopf, 1994. (Eyewitness Series)
- Pearson, Anne: *The Vikings*. Viking, 1994. (See Through History Series)
- Civardi, Anne et al: *Viking Raiders*. EDC Publishing, 1997. (Time Traveler Series)
- Crossley-Holland, Kevin: *Viking!* Orion Children's Books, 2002. Norse myths retold for younger readers.

Most of the books on this list are readily available. Some may be more difficult to find. Ask your librarian for help.

Web sites with more information:

- Viking Heritage: <http://viking.hgo.se/>
- BBC Vikings: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/vikings/>
- Smithsonian Vikings: <http://www.mnh.si.edu/vikings/start.html>
- Viking Network: <http://viking.no/>
- Hurstwic: <http://www.hurstwic.com/history/text/history.htm>