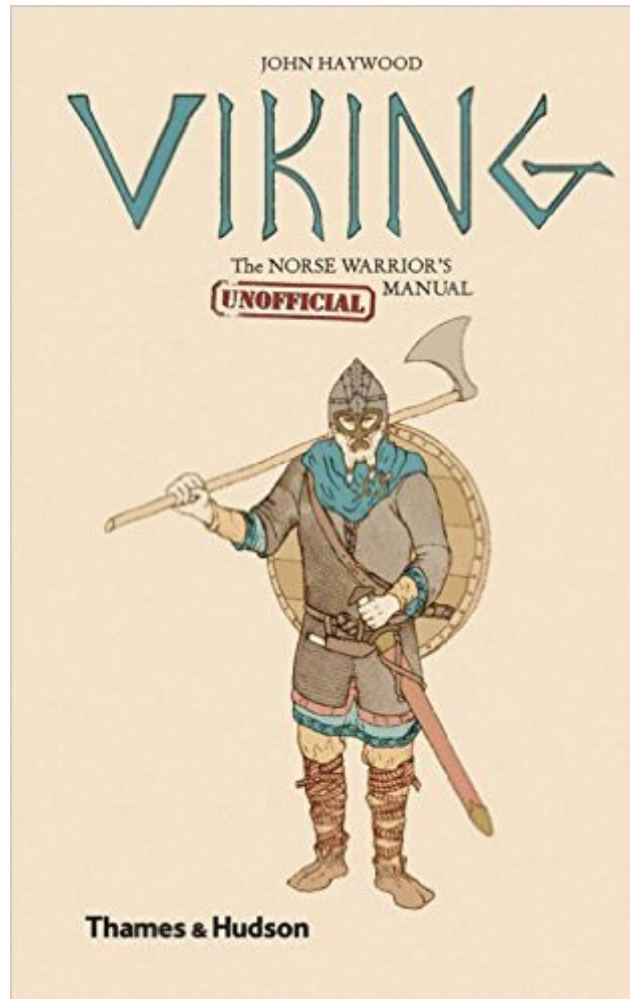


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Viking: The Norse Warrior's [Unofficial] Manual



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Combines the latest research and discoveries with a humorous eye to take us inside the Viking world So you want to be a Viking? Vikings are the lords of the northern seas. Fame, glory, and wealth await those who brave storms and enemy spears to plunder far and wide in foreign lands. Who wouldn't like to come home laden with silver, earning a reputation that will live on long after lesser men have been forgotten? This book tells you everything you need to know to become a successful Viking warrior in the tenth century. How to join a Viking war band What to look for in a good Viking leader How to behave at a feast How to choose the right weapons and armor How to plunder a monastery and ransom a monk How to navigate at sea 135 illustrations, 29 in color

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Customer Reviews

Along the lines of 'How To Be A Gladiator', 'Viking The Norse Warrior's Manual' is an interesting, informative and entertaining look at how one may aspire to the ranks of the Viking warrior and come home loaded with gold and other goodies. The book covers the different ranks of a warrior, weaponry, some famous Vikings of legend and just how far the warriors actually spread. The book is informative and entertaining, the only minor flaw is that compared to the 'Gladiator' and 'Legionnaire's' books, the book is lacking somewhat in the way of information and as an e-book, the formatting while reading can be a little off-setting. If you wish to be a Viking and come home loaded with gold, add this book to your collection and start working on your swordwork.

I'm a military historian, and this book had a fact or two for even a big viking age buff like myself. I'm

a huge fan of the series; while not as well written as the Unofficial Guide on Roman Legionaries it's probably the most informative book in the series.

This book is one book in a series about various warrior types. It's entertaining, but has accurate historical information as well. I would recommend this for students in middle school or above, or for curious adults. It will give you a window into an ancient culture and give you a brush up on history that won't put you to sleep.

This is the fifth book of the series. It lives up to the standards set by the first four and if you haven't read those, then this is a good place to start. Informative and entertaining to the very last page.

The author packs a lot of detail into this book. You'll learn how the Vikings fought and lived with specific details about their weapons, social status and laws. Yet all of this information is presented in a breezy accessible manner that never feels like a lecture.

My bf has been recently fascinated with Vikings (probably from watching the show "Vikings") so I got this book as a birthday present. He is really enjoying reading it and says that it is a nice mixture of historical accuracy (the author really did his homework) with just the right smidgen of humor. It's a fun read.

Compared to the present, life was really horrible in the 8th century. From the photos in the book one can make out that Viking swords lack the craftsmanship and sophistication of the samurai swords(katana). It was a life of hostility, hardship, hunger and pain from the cradle to the grave. It is wonderful to read about such things in the comfort of the 21st century.

Great guide for any aspiring Viking warrior or enthusiast of that fascinating period in history. My only knock is that it was too short - I wanted to keep reading! I look forward to reading Mr. Haywood's other manuals. - Eric Schumacher, author of God's Hammer.

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