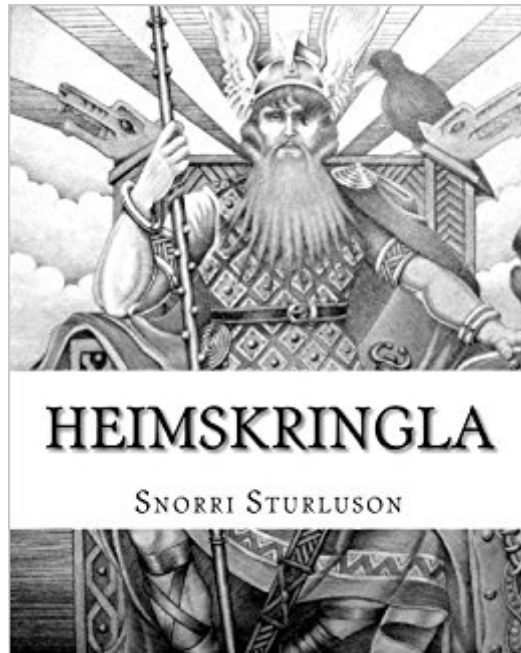




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Synopsis

Heimskringla is the best known of the Old Norse kings' sagas. It was written in Old Norse in Iceland by the poet and historian Snorri Sturluson (1178/79-23rd sept. 1241) ca. 1230. The name Heimskringla was first used in the 17th century, derived from the first two words of one of the manuscripts (kringla heimsins - the circle of the world). Heimskringla is a collection of tales about the Norwegian kings, beginning with the legendary Swedish dynasty of the Ynglings, followed by accounts of historical Norwegian rulers from Harald Fairhair of the 9th century up to the death of the pretender Eystein Meyla in 1177. The exact sources of his work are disputed, but included earlier kings' sagas, such as Morkinskinna, Fagrskinna and the twelfth century Norwegian synoptic histories and oral traditions, notably many skaldic poems. Snorri had himself visited Norway and Sweden. For events of mid-12th century, Snorri explicitly names the now lost work Hryggjarstykkí as his source. The composition of the sagas is Snorri's. (wikipedia)

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Snorri Sturluson (1179 - 23 September 1241) was an Icelandic historian, poet, and politician. He was twice elected lawspeaker at the Icelandic parliament, the Althing. He was the author of the Prose Edda or Younger Edda, which consists of Gylfaginning ("the fooling of Gylfi"), a narrative of Norse mythology, the Skáldskaparmál, a book of poetic language, and the Háttatal, a list of verse forms. He was also the author of the Heimskringla, a history of the Norwegian kings that begins with legendary material in Ynglinga saga and moves through to early medieval Scandinavian history. For stylistic and methodological reasons, Snorri is often taken to be the author of Egils saga. (wikipedia)

Snorrie wrote down the history of the kings to preserve the stories. I think many of them would have been lost and forgotten, otherwise. A must read if you have an interest in Scandinavian history during the Viking times.

Great stories of the Lords of Norway. Went into great detail of battles as well. It doesn't go into modern history though but this doesn't bother me.

This item is great. I still need an English translation of the Ynglinga Sagas.

The outsize format makes it a bit difficult to read comfortably.

yup, dated but OK...

Nice product

wonderful book

I purchased this expecting more of a novel with select poems in it. However, when I got it, it looked more like a textbook (was very large) with a textbook format (the layout). My boyfriend still loved it, but I still wish it was a little smaller with more of a book feel!

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