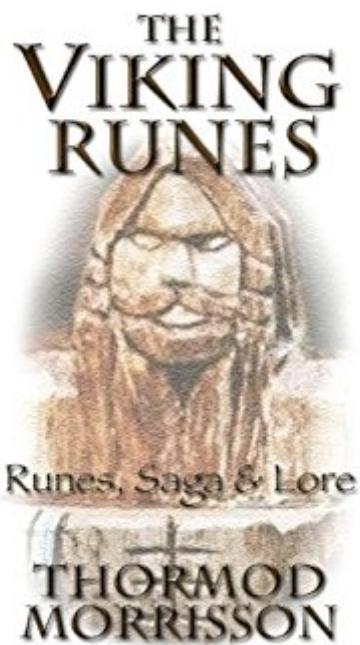


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# THE VIKING RUNES: Runes, Saga & Lore



## **Synopsis**

THE VIKING RUNES is a study of the ancient Norse fuÃfark script used in everyday inscriptions, carved memorials and divination. It covers the Elder fuÃfark as well as the Viking fuÃfark of Orkney and Norse Scotland and the wider Viking world. With references to Norse and Celtic history, myth and saga, the Norse Gaelic tradition and warrior mysteries, this book covers the origins of the runic fuÃfark, inscriptions and secret codes, how to carve the runes, how to read them, the Norse gods and beings of the elder world, the practices of shape changing, galdrar, spÃfari and seiÃfar, animal cults, and the down to earth lore found in Old Norse verse. This book should be useful for anyone seeking to expand their knowledge of the runes and more.

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## **Customer Reviews**

What I thought was going to be yet another routine book on runes turned out to be much more. The author triesto give us a comprehensive book on Northern Europe's culture of myth, magic, religion, spiritual practices andhistory. Runes are just a big part of this equation. There are even some

beautiful illustrations of wood carvings of the gods! ( the author is also a woodcarver! ) What surprised me most was his inclusion of much of Celtic culture and history. Celtic and Norse myth and magic are many times treated separately, but Morrisson is aware that there was much interaction between these two great northern cultures, so they are treated together almost as a whole. I had some issues with the interpretation of the runes; a bit too speculative for me. Also, some of his comparative methods between different cultures seemed to me to be a bit of a stretch. I was confused to find that the Norse gods such as Thor and Odin were represented by the older Celtic trinity Taranis, Esus and Teutates. Then again, I'm not up on the latest research. But overall a fun and fascinating book, with some funny stories from medieval northern writings.

I'm just starting to read this. It covers a lot of ground. Well done!

I found this book enjoyable as the author clearly knows his subject material, and he is able to clearly present his perspective on the runes. You can't go wrong with this one.

Know little about this subject at the beginning never really held me back. The material is in a very readable format which takes the reader into the the world we all glossed over in history books.

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