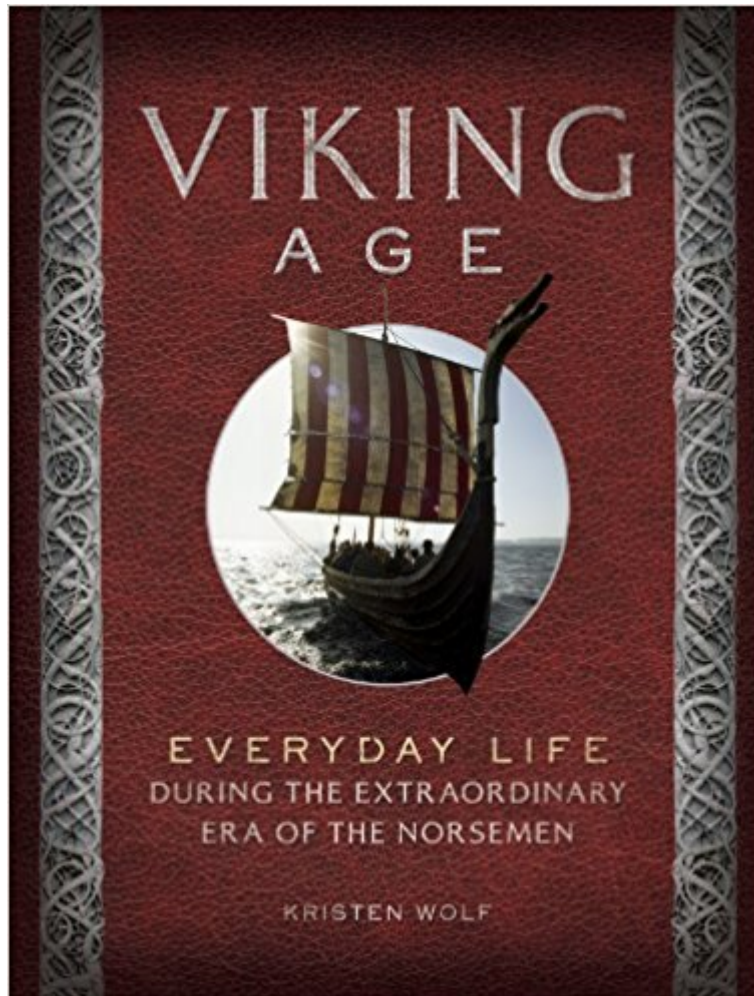




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Synopsis

Though infamous for their pirating and raiding, active Vikings were actually only a tiny fraction of the total Scandinavian population during the so-called Viking Age. This exploration of their culture goes beyond the myths into the prosaic realities and intimate details of family life; their attitude toward the more vulnerable members of society; their famed longships and extensive travels; and the role they played in the greater community. In addition to images and maps, a timeline lays out Viking history.

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This book is a general overview of most parts of life in the Viking Age. It contains many fascinating bits of details, some of which I'd love to read about in more detail. However, the writing is a bit on the dry side. I kept catching myself skimming and not paying attention until I snagged over an interesting detail.

The sections about language went into detail only a linguist or speech pathologist would appreciate. The sections about art were way too detailed as well. It was okay but I wouldn't buy it again.

Excellent introduction to the Viking Age, as well as the Viking communities & how they lived; this is a very good book to begin learning about the Viking Age as well as the Viking peoples and what their lives entailed

Bought this as a present for my dad and he absolutely loves it! He won't stop raving about it and is completely into it. He told me the quality of the writing exceeds other texts he has on the same subject matter. Great book!

A little hokey in places - like pictures of Vikings with horns on their helmets. Overall good though. I especially liked the information on religion. One big drawback is the lack of decent maps.

I gave this as gift that was appreciated so I think it was excellent.

Fact-filled, interesting, carefully researched, yet also very readable. You can't ask for more than that.

OMG I love this book! Ran across it while doing research for my novel set in the Viking era and this book has been critical for current, cohesive information. While it's not an exhaustive account, it's certainly a great quick reference and terrific jumping off point. If you're looking for a good account of what went on in the down time between raiding abbeys and terrorizing Europe, this book covers the basics of the domestic, intellectual, religious, political, etc, spheres of life as experienced by the people known as Vikings. Very readable with great layout and some very nice pictures. This book will spend a long life on my research/ reference shelf.

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