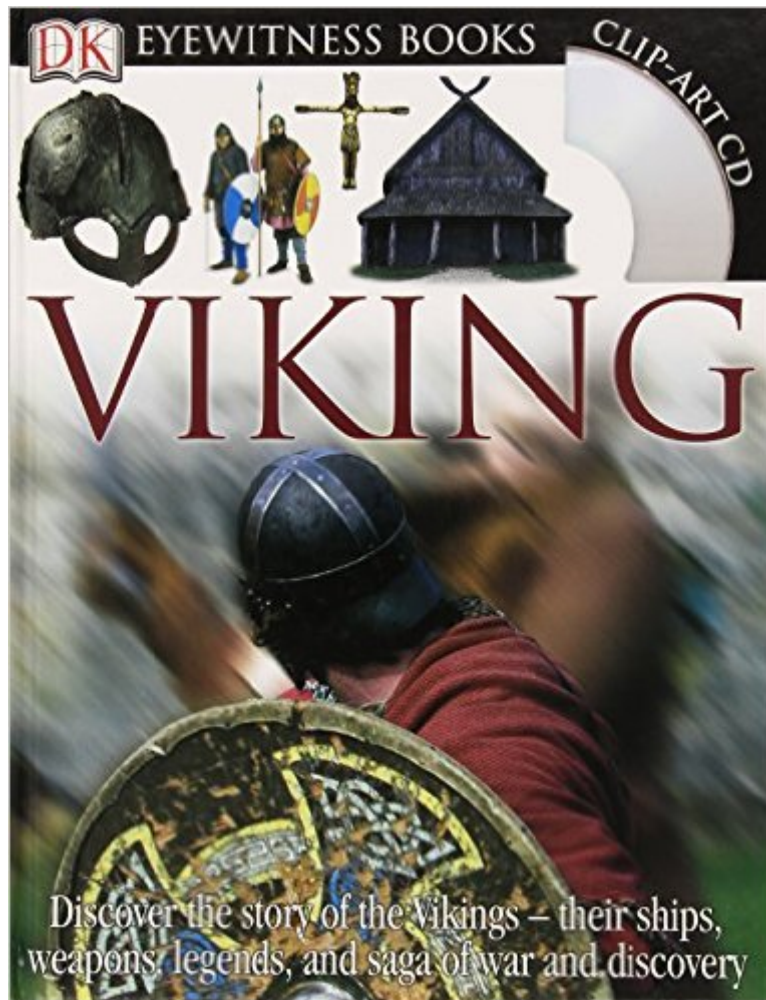


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# Viking (DK Eyewitness Books)



## Synopsis

The most trusted nonfiction series on the market, Eyewitness Books provide an in-depth, comprehensive look at their subjects with a unique integration of words and pictures. Loaded with superb color photographs of Viking ships and swords, clothes and shields, memorial stones and beautiful brooches, this revised and updated edition of Eyewitness: Viking offers a unique view into the lives of the Norse people and their outstanding achievements.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book as a way to get an overview of the Vikings as part of our study of American history (Leif Erikson the first recorded European to discover North America). Each two page spread has one large-print overview paragraph, and many pictures, each with an explanatory note, often a paragraph itself. The pictures include many many Viking artifacts, maps, animals, and people dressed in Viking costume. For example, the first 2-page spread is entitled "Who were the Vikings?" The main paragraph describes the years they were active, and gives a brief overview of their culture. There's a map of the Viking world. Also photographs a catty brooch, a dragon head from a warship, a chieftan's axe head, Thor's hammer, a sword and a silver Viking face charm. There's also an illustration of the romantic view of Vikings as well as one from an early English manuscript about the Vikings. Plenty of things to see to help with getting a feel for the culture. Each with explanatory notes that you can choose to read or to skip over. Topics covered with a 2-page spread

are: Who were the Vikings, Lords of the sea, A Viking warship, Viking warriors, Weapons, Terrorizing the West, East into Russia, Discovering new lands, A Viking fort, Other ships, Trading east and west, Kings and freemen, Women and children, At home, Mealtime, Animals wild and imagined, Farming, Getting around, In the workshop, Spinning and weaving, Jewelry, Games music and stories, Gods and legends, Viking burials, Runes and picture stones, The Jelling Stone, and The coming of Christianity. Finally, there is an index. My 9-year-old and 7-year-old enjoyed this book and felt it helped them better understand the Vikings. My 6-year-old didn't necessarily "enjoy" it, but it did help her better understand what she had learned. I would definitely recommend this book to those studying the Vikings.

Eyewitness books belong on your bookcase. They do a thorough job on every topic they cover -- using large full-color illustrations and photographs and very clear captions to teach and teach and teach. Preschoolers to adults -- Eyewitness books are a favorite. You could go through 10 museum collections and not find the scope and quality of information contained within this book. Multiple excellent pages on Viking technology, from domestic weaving and home construction, to warfare and armaments and fort construction, to metal working and shipbuilding, to burial goods and horse harnesses -- everything is given plenty of space and allowed to tell its own story, visually. Well-organized, with a good index and plenty of photographs.

Short book, quick read. Profusely illustrated and well researched. Comes with a poster and clip art CD. What I liked most was the comprehensive coverage of where the Norse lived, their roles in society, their diets, their daily life. It is a book that thankfully dispels myths of Norse people as savages. Infact, culturally, they were ahead of their time in metal working, commerce, navigation and ship design. They made goods and did a lot of trading, and sailed far and often resettled because of the need to feed people.

The Eyewitness Books series is a staple of the classroom library, with books that invite browsing as well as providing source material for research. The Viking book is a good addition to an existing collection; however, I found this particular volume to be better for browsing than for actual research.

I have this as a Chanukah gift to two little girls, age 4 and 6. Their mother is a teacher and liked educational books. She liked these. She read it with them and they asked questions and learned from it. You just cannot go wrong with Eyewitness Books.

This is a fantastic book, just like all reference books of DK Publishing. The pictures and illustrations are really beautiful and you can read its description right below. It's a fascinating journey with the Vikings heritage!

This book is very educational for small and big minds. Bought as a gift. Love all the pictures in the book!

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