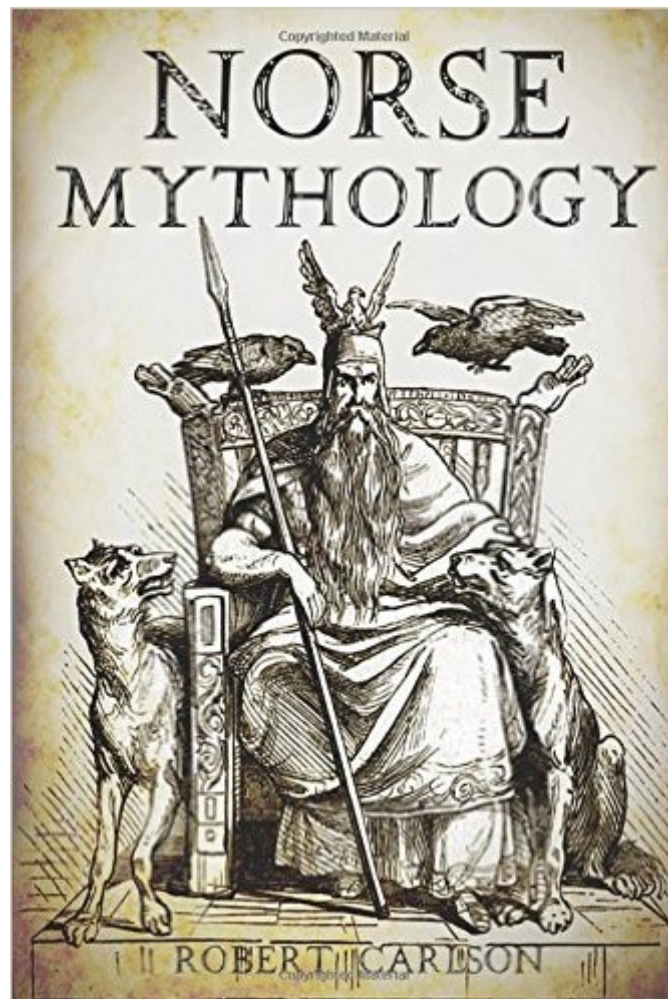


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# Norse Mythology: A Concise Guide To Gods, Heroes, Sagas And Beliefs Of Norse Mythology



## Synopsis

Norse Mythology An introduction to such a vast subject as Norse Mythology can be problematic as it could well fall between two stools; so packed with details as to put one off, or so vague, that one is none the wiser for having read it. This text manages a pleasing balance, succeeds in whetting the appetite and supplying excellent online resources for the reader who wishes to find out more. Inside you will read about - The Creation in Norse Mythology - The Nine Worlds of Norse Mythology - The Major Gods and Goddesses - Valhalla - Ragnarok - The Sagas - The Influence of Norse Mythology on Our Lives Today The author quotes generously from the most important relevant source which is freely available via the Project Gutenberg, and you are left with the sounds and taste of the times... ringing in your ears and tingling on your tongue.

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## Customer Reviews

Much better than some of the other low-cost/free Norse mythology books out there. Clear writing, actually goes into some detail of the stories (the best part of the mythology!). Also, it is truly concise -- a very quick read. Perfect primer on the topic.

This is meant to be a very, very basic introduction to Norse Mythology . . . And it is not bad, but there are a couple of small problems. The first is that the author seems to have very little or no knowledge of the Old Norse language, and as a result uses transliteration from several different systems to represent Norse names and words - not terrible, but it does give a disjointed feel to the whole thing, as some names and words are straight from Old Norse, and others are highly Anglicized in various ways. Also, there are a few blatant factual errors in the book - e.g. that Odin is

the Norse version of Wodan, a GREEK (sic!) god! Nope! Still, it does present some of the basics fairly well.

I enjoy reading and learning about Norse mythology, as does my twelve-year-old daughter. We both enjoyed this book. It describes the lives of the most prominent Norse gods. The book isn't a dry read. It keeps your attention, as long as you enjoy the subject. You'll learn about the origins of the gods, who they married, who their children were and what their regular duties consisted of. You also gain a bit of knowledge about the Vikings and their way of life. This was a good, quick read. Although the lives of the gods are very intertwined and it is difficult to keep things straight, the author gets to the point and doesn't use a lot of filler content to confuse the reader. I've read some similar books that are written more like a story and the filler content ends up jumbling with all the facts. By the time you're done with the book you don't know who is who and what anyone did. This book is much different. It was a very pleasant read that is enjoyable for both older children and adults. I received this book for free in exchange for my honest review.

This is a very concise primer about Norse mythology. It is far from being comprehensive, but offers several attractive features. Above all, despite (or maybe because of) its slightly tongue-in-cheek tone, it draws the reader to the romantic and poetic aspects of this rather grim epos; The quotes from the Eddas are very beautiful and promise more enjoyment if you follow the direction to the sources; The author refers the reader to readily accessible links on the Web; The text is well written, flowing and logical. There are however a few drawbacks: Terribly unattractive cover print; Sloppy proofreading resulting in grammar mistakes and typos; Obvious errors-e.g. neither Wotan, nor Saturn were ever Greek gods, except the Romans did borrow some of Saturns attributes from the Greek mythology. On the whole - good morsel for beginners.

Norse mythology has always intrigued me and I was excited when I happened upon this book. I'm not normally one to read books pertaining to history or mythology but wanted to read this because it's always been interesting to me. This novel offers quite a lot of information about Norse Gods and the different realms that they dwell in. All of this information is conveyed in a manner that is easy for the reader to understand too. However, some of the words were difficult to pronounce if you don't know much on Norse mythology. If you're interested in learning about Norse mythology then this is definitely worth reading.

I am a fan of Norse and Greek Mythology. Mr. Carson has written an excellent introduction to Norse Mythology. You will meet and learn about the most important mythic Gods, learn about their powers, responsibilities and sagas. These myths are fascinating and exciting, and help in the understanding of the Vikings and their history. I encourage everyone to read this book!!!

A very readable book which fulfills its goal: a short and well written description of Norse gods, the story line of the sagas, and how these sagas developed and influenced Norse life. There are links to sites which are academically comprehensive, but for an enjoyable primer, this is the book to purchase.

I knew some things about Norse Mythology before reading this book but it gave me a little more information besides the ones I already had. If you are new on the topic it can be a good starting point but for the more experienced readers it can prove to be dull.

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