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Viking Hersir 793–1066 AD (Warrior)



Synopsis

When Norwegian Vikings first raided the European coast in the 8th century AD, their leaders were from the middle ranks of warriors known as hersirs. At this time the hersir was typically an independent landowner or local chieftain with equipment superior to that of his followers. By the end of the 10th century, the independence of the hersir was gone, and he was now a regional servant of the Norwegian king. This book investigates these brutal, mobile warriors, and examines their tactics and psychology in war, dispelling the idea of the Viking raider as simply a killing machine.

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Customer Reviews

Insights into the real lives of history's fighting men, packed with full colour illustrations, highly detailed cutaways, exploded artwork of weaponry and armour, and action-packed battle scenes.

Mark Harrison was born in Castleford, Yorkshire in 1954 and has a Bachelor's degree in Medieval Studies from Lancaster University. He has worked as a Curator at the Royal Armouries, Tower of London since 1986 and has a strong interest in the early medieval world. He lives in Colchester with his wife and son.

It was up to the same great quality as your other 35 I own.

This was a gift and he loved the information, his only remark was they were to short.

If you get The Vikings (Elite) you get much of the same information. I was hoping for more in the book.

GREAT starting point for the person seeking authentic re-enactment in a general direction of the period...the Bib is also outstanding

Beautiful book!

Osprey's third title in the Warrior series, this book combines twelve beautiful plates with both informative and absorbing reading.

The hersirs were apparently the Viking commanders, but this book is about the Vikings whether they were commanders or not. As in the other Osprey books, a prime reason for getting the book is the illustrations. If you want to know what the Viking might have looked like who killed the English king's reeve Beathuheard with an axe to the head in the late 8th centuries, check out these drawings. The Vikings were scary dudes.

Does little or nothing on its supposed thesis of showing the development of the hersir from the free farmer-warrior. Too much space wasted on showing a system of catagorizing swords which then is never used to show anything. One of the worst things I've ever seen from Osprey, though still an okay book. You are better off getting the Elite series #3 on Vikings.

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