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The Devil's Horseman

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English synopsis of all five volumes available

The Last Viking King-series is based on real events in Harald Hardrada's life. After the Battle of Stiklestad in 1030, young Harald finds himself in exile with Yaroslav I, whom he serves as a warrior. However, he soon sets out for Constantinople, the city where power and wealth can be won. On the way there, out on the vast steppes, Harald meets the Khazars, otherwise known as the Devil's Horsemen. It is here that Harald too learns how to be a devil's horseman. But Harald's and the Khazars' equestrian skills are of little help when the Byzantine Emperor's soldiers attack. Those who are not killed, are taken to Constantinople as prisoners of war. It is here that Harald's long, fair hair catches the appreciative eye of the Empress, which in turn leads to him trying out for the Emperor's army of Nordic mercenaries.

Foreign rights
Heyne Verlag, Germany
Perseus, Bulgaria
Tukan Förlag, Sweden

Top-notch Viking novel! ... has everything a good historical and entertaining novel should have. (Six stars)

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Much of the strength of Ekeberg's project is the way he combines storytelling with historical characters and storyline. (Five stars)

Hamar Arbeiderblad

Jan Ove Ekeberg

Jan Ove Ekeberg (b. 1954) lives in Fredrikstad, journalist and untill recently; head of TV 2 Financial News. Today he is a fulltime author. He has written several non-fiction books, children's literature and several historical suspense novel series. His first series, IN TIMES OF SWORDS (three volumes), is set in the 12th century. His second series, THE LAST VIKING KING (five volumes) tells the story of Harald Hardrada and is set in 11th century. In his new series, LEGIONNAIRE, the story is set in Scandinavian Roman era, in the 4th century. Jan Ove Ekeberg has recently published a first volume of a graphic novel-series called HARDRADA together with illustrator Nils Axle Kanten.

Other titles
Hardrada: The Devil's Horseman (2026)
Legionnaire. The Cross in Flames (2026)
Legionnaire. The Barbarians from the North (2025)
Hardrada: The Battle at Stiklestad (2025)
Hardrada: Brother of the Viking King (2024)
The Viking Age in 200 Pages (2022)
Death's Commander (2021)
Enemy of Peace (2020)
Imperial Mercenary (2019)
Apprentice of War (2016)
The Merciful Terrorist (2015)
The Holy Shrine (2013)
Regicides (2012)
The Era of Swords (2011)