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Enemy of Peace

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English synopsis of all five volumes available

Harald Hardråde's life is one of the most adventurous in Norwegian history. With great courage and a rare prowess for warfare, he left his mark behind him from Stiklestad to Byzantium. His attempt to conquer England became the Norwegian Vikings' last daring voyage. When Harald fell at Stamford Bridge in 1066, the Viking Age was over.

In "Enemy of Peace", the fourth book in the series "The Last Viking King", we meet Harald as ruler of the legendary Byzantine Varangian Guard. When a new emperor ascends the throne, Harald is in danger and must flee. He sets course for Kiev, the capital of the mighty Gardarik Empire, to which he has sent great riches. During the journey, Harald has just one thing in mind: How to win Norway? The country has already made Olav's son, Magnus king, and over him watches the mighty Troender leader Einar Tambaraskjelve. Harald flees from one bloody power struggle right into another. But he has no choice. It's time to fulfill a promise he gave his brother, Saint Olav at Stiklestad.

The series "The Last Viking King" is based on Harald Hardråde's life. The broad time lines follow the story as described in source material, and we meet a number of historical figures. Around this, characters and events typical of the period are invented to create an exciting and captivating story. In the drama surrounding Norway's last Viking king, war and friendship, love and hate are woven together in a way that makes this important epoch in our history come alive for the reader.

Foreign rights

Perseus, Bulgaria

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Jan Ove Ekeberg (b. 1954) lives in Fredrikstad, journalist and till recently; head of TV 2 Financial News, today a full time author. Ekeberg's debut was a biography on former PM, Gro Harlem Brundtland (1996). Since then Ekeberg has written several non-fiction books, children's books and novels. Ekeberg reached a large audience with his first historical suspense series IN TIMES OF SWORDS (2011-2013), set in the 12th century.

His new series featuring the Viking king Harald Hardråde, was launched in spring 2016 to marvellous reviews. He aims to deliver the sequels The Devil's Horseman and Imperial Mercenary by 2020.

Other titles

The Viking Age in 200 Pages (2022)
Death's Commander (2021)
Imperial Mercenary (2019)
The Devil's Horseman (2018)
Apprentice of War (2016)
The Merciful Terrorist (2015)
The Holy Shrine (2013)
Regicides (2012)
The Era of Swords (2011)