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Death's Commander

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English synopsis of all five volumes available

In *Death's Commander*, the fifth and final book in a series of historical novels based on the life of Harald Sigurdsson (1015–1066), known as Harald Hardrada, we find Harald as the ruler of Norway, and he has a lofty goal: In a daring maneuver, he attempts to recreate the old North Sea Empire, with Norway, Denmark, and England united under one king. When the English king, Edward the Confessor, died on January 5th 1066, it kicked off a merciless struggle for the most important throne in Northern Europe. Harald, too, joined the running to become king of England. The flimsiness of his claim to the throne did not stop the feared commander from setting out across The North Sea with the largest fleet that had ever sailed from Norway. His bold attempt was close to succeeding, but Harald was lured into a trap. When Harald fell in the Battle of Stamford Bridge, it marked the end of the Viking Age.

In his series **The Last Viking King**, about Harald Hardrada, Jan Ove Ekeberg weaves together historical and fictional characters and events into a dramatic and colorful portrait of Norway's last Viking king and the times he lived in. The books are widely acclaimed by critics, and the series have sold appr. 100 000 copies so far. The series contain the following volumes: *Apprentice of war* (2017), *Devil's Horseman* (2018), *Imperial Mercenary* (2019), *Enemy of Peace* (2020) and *Death's Commander* (2021).

Foreign rights

Perseus, Bulgaria

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Jan Ove Ekeberg (b. 1954) lives in Fredrikstad, journalist and until 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

Legionnaire. The Barbarians from the North (2025)
Hardrada: Brother of the viking king (2024)
The Viking Age in 200 Pages (2022)
Enemy of Peace (2020)
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)