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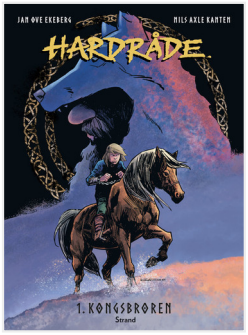

Hardrada: Brother of the Viking King

Original title: Hardråde: Kongsbroren
Publisher: Strand Forlag 2024
Fiction from +14 yrs / Grafical Novel /History
English sample chapters, Norwegian PDF

***Hardrada* is shortlisted for Norwegian Ministry of Culture's award for best children's and YA literature 2024, in the category graphic novel.**

The graphic novel series *Hardrada* is made by illustrator Nils Axle Kanten and novelist Jan Ove Ekeberg and is based on Ekeberg's historical novel series *The last viking king*. The first volume of *Hardrada*, "Brother of the viking king", was published in autumn 2024 to great praise from critics, book sellers and readers.

The jury of the award for best children's and YA literature says: "... a captivating visual experience that enhances the dramatic atmosphere. Hardrada combines an exciting narrative with thorough research and a factual section that adds depth to the story ... provides a realistic and serious approach to Viking history and appears as an impressive opening to a promising series ..."

When the real-life Harald Hardrada fell in the battle at Stamford Bridge in 1066, the Viking Age was over – the attempt to take England was the Norwegian Vikings' last bold conquest. But before this, Harald had a very adventurous life: he traveled to both the Kievan Empire and on to the imperial city of Constantinople.

Foreign rights
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Five of six stars: "A captivating series that engages from first to last route".

Jonas Hansen Meyer, NRK

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)
The Viking Age in 200 Pages (2022)
Death's Commander (2021)
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)