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Eirik the Red. The Man Who Discovered America

Original title: Eirik Raude
Publisher: Vigmostad & Bjørke 2022
Narrative Non-fiction / History/The Viking Age
110639 Words
English sample chapters available, short sample in Spanish

SELECTED TITLE BY NORLA -- Extensive translation grants available.

The saga of Eirik the Red is a compact and eventful narrative

It tells the story of how he flees from Norway to Iceland after committing a murder, marries into a chieftain's family, starts a small war, explores a vast land to the west, and names it Greenland. He finds a settler community there before the country is Christianized against his will and his sons explore America. In just fifteen minutes, you'll have an overview of everything there is to know about Erik the Red. Or maybe not – because hidden beneath condensed recounts of the sagas is a sea of events and connections that have not yet been discovered.

In this book, Øystein Morten examines what Erik the Red was really looking for in Greenland, as well as the background for his voyages further west to Vinland. Embark on a voyage of discovery in the northernmost Norse settlements!

Foreign rights

Kroener Verlag, Germany
Gads Forlag, Denmark

'Sensational ... one can easily imagine how Greenland made an impression on Erik the Red in the 980s — enlightening and entertaining.'

Dagbladet

' ... the brilliant non-fiction book Erik the Red ... traces the saga stories of him and his son in a innovative and enlightening way'

Vårt Land

Øystein Morten

Øystein Morten, historian and author, has written several highly acclaimed non fiction books, such as Jakten på Olav den Hellige (The Search for Olav the Holy) and Jakten på Olav Tryggvason (The Search for Olav Tryggvason) and Jakten på Sigurd Jorsalfar (The Search for Sigurd the Crusader). He has also previously worked as a district conservator in Telemark County Municipality. For the past fifteen years, he has been working on writing new stories about the Norwegian Viking kings. Øystein Morten is now working on a larger project about the Norse discovery of America, which will result in several books beginning with the book about Eirik Raude .

Other titles by the author:

In 2017 he published the book Norske ødegårder. Historien om stedene vi forlot (Norwegian Odegaards. The History of Places we left) with photographer Pål Hermansen.