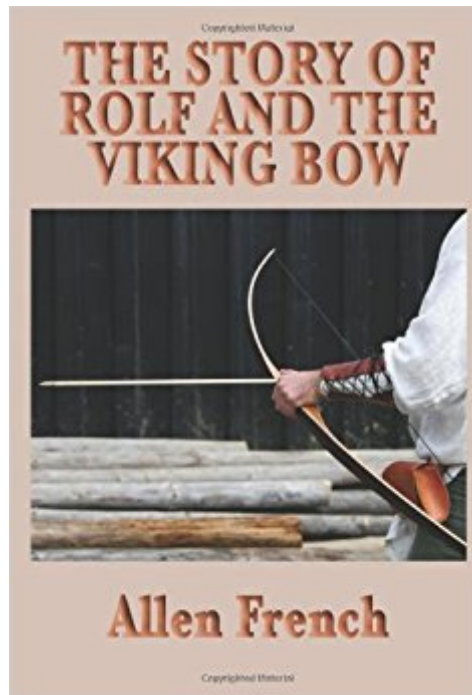




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The Story Of Rolf And The Viking Bow



Synopsis

Rolf is the son of Hiarandi the Unlucky. Hiarandi, at the urging of his wife, does an unforgivable thing: he lights a signal fire on a dangerous point of his land, challenging the accepted custom that place lucrative salvage at a higher value than the saving of life. However, the life that is saved that night causes his own death and the unjust outlawing of his son Rolf. This tale exemplifies the effect of Christ's teachings upon the Icelandic people during their heroic age. The book is set in Iceland in the days when Christianity has come to the island though the old customs still linger.

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Customer Reviews

"This heroic saga of medieaval Iceland ranks with the tales of Sigmund, Beowulf, and more recent masterpieces such Tolkein's "The Lord of the Rings.

Allen French was born on November 28, 1870, in Boston, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard University in 1894 and for several years, beginning in 1908, taught English at his alma mater. His first interest, however, was history, and his contributions to historical writing are many and varied. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

This was a great book b/c it had a unique plot and diverse characters. The ending was a bit abrupt, but other than that, it was a great book. The setting was also interesting.

Great story.

Allen French has woven a story of a family feud within the bounds of Nordish civil law, cultural change in Iceland, and Norse mythology. The main characters Rolf, Frodi, and Grani are three noble young men whose friendship tests their identity, faith, and pride. When Rolf's father is murdered by Grani's father and his lands stolen, Rolf vows to win back his lands lawfully. Rolf's character grows from an innocent boy to a savvy and steadfast man. He must suffer injustice many times before he comes up with a plan that triumphs over all. Allen French is a masterful story-teller who knows how to inspire nobility without preaching. There are many character themes beautifully illustrated in his story of Rolf; friendship, forgiveness, humility, looking out for others, perseverance, trust in God...these are just a few. The language is archaic and can be difficult to swallow at first but it is well worth the effort. The text is terse and packed with purposeful intent, yet rich and beautiful at the same time. He easily switches from prose to verse and vice versa. His knowledge of Norse mythology is fascinating. I have read "Rolf" multiple times with my teenage sons. After reading it I feel like I visited the country and met the people.

The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow was a great story. This book demonstrated how even when you're doing the right thing you can still suffer from injustice. But the outcome of doing the right thing is far better than anything you could imagine. This book was a good read because it shows how using deceitful tactics will only help you in the short term. But doing the right thing will help you in the long term. This book is filled with action, drama, and excitement to keep you on the edge of your seat while reading this book. I would recommend this book to teenagers because it's the perfect balance between plot and action.

This is a great book and a read. My son in 4th grade loved it and I enjoyed it also

My 11 year old son LOVED this book. He started this book at school and begged me to put it on his Kindle. Highly recommended.

I read this out loud to my children last year. None of us wanted to put it down and we finished in a week! I read it to an 11 year old girl, 9 and 7 year old boys.

Great story for all ages. Wonderful book for 9+ year old boys who love adventure.

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