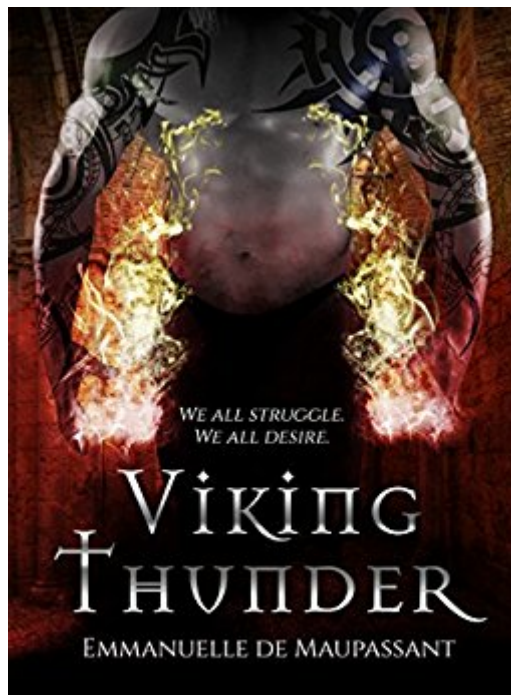


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Viking Thunder



Synopsis

'We all struggle. We all desire.' When the Northmen's ship is brought ashore in a storm, Elswyth is faced with the prowess of Eirik: a giant of a man who lets nothing stand in his way. Elswyth struggles to remain independent, but cannot deny her sexual attraction and, ultimately, the satisfaction she finds in Eirik's bed. Can Eirik offer her more, and what dark secrets await Elswyth, if she returns with the Northmen to their distant lands?

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Customer Reviews

Emmanuelle de Maupassant's 'Viking Thunder' is an exquisite piece of writing by any standard, imaginative historical fiction at its finest, and one of the sexiest tales I've had the pleasure to read inÂ ever. Told from the point of view of Elswyth, a young Anglo-Saxon woman, promptly made a widow when a band of Northmen raid her village, this is a clash-of-cultures story enlivened by lots of deliciously lurid action, pillage, fire, and, yes, rape--treated with appropriate gravity. Elswyth, not ungrateful to be rid of her feckless husband, quickly catches the eye of the Viking leader, Eirik, and is befriended by the shield maiden Helka,

Eirik's sister who functions as interpreter, cultural go-between and a counterbalance of quiet reason to her brother's fiercely impulsive nature. Yet, more than mere escapist adventure, 'Viking Thunder' has its thoughtful moments, too, a bit of comparative theology and myth, reflection on love, fate and destiny, cheek by jowl with unapologetically explicit descriptions of sex, heady as the sweetest mead. First in a yet another series from the remarkably prolific Maupassant, I, for one, can hardly wait for more. Highly recommended!

Eirik and the Northmen raid the village of Elswyth and her husband, the chief. They kill the chief and rape and pillage. Elswyth is raped by three Northmen but does not resist knowing less harm will come to her that way. A product herself of an earlier Northman raid and rape of her mother she is therefore half Viking herself. Befriended by Helka who is Eirik's sister Elswyth softens to the raiders and becomes erotically enamored of Eirik. Will she leave with him? This tale is short and my main issue is that I wanted it to be longer. Hopefully another story will be published soon? I received as a freebie and have voluntarily given this honest review.

Not often you find a good book about Vikings. I thought the characters were well fleshed out and I am anxious to read the 2nd story to see what happens. Interesting to see if she follows on with their story and maybe get a 3rd book out of it.

This book is a wonderful depiction of what it must have been like for the Vikings and their conquests! It is full of the fire and desires that Vikings are famous for.

This short story is another raunchy masterpiece by Emmanuelle de Maupassant. Erotic literature isn't my usual choice of reading but Emmanuelle's professional writing style and interesting storylines always make for a good read. This story goes way back to the days of Viking invasion, days when we were still living in mud and straw huts and hunting boar in the woods. The descriptions of their home, the clothes they wore and the smells, all give a satisfyingly real feel "you can imagine the matted hair, coarse dresses, the men's leather bodices and the smell of animal and humans living close together. Being a short story, about an hour's reading time, the characters are briefly described in their appearance and who's who, but there just isn't time to delve into their personalities. Elswyth is the lead female character who herself is the offspring of a previous Viking raid. She has the flaxen hair of the Norse or Northmen, and is seen as 'different' by the others in the village. When the village comes under attack, Elswyth's husband is brutally murdered

in front of her as are all the men of the village. Just some of the women and children are spared for their 'usefulness' to the savage Vikings. The Viking leader, Eirik, takes a liking to Elswyth and, in true Viking nature, he takes her as he wants her. But, there is more than a spark of wantonness in Elswyth. Viking Thunder's sex is raw, base and earthy – what do you expect, it's about invading Vikings. An excellent start to this Viking series.

This book is deserving of a lot more than 5 stars. It is book 1 of a series and the ending leaves us eager to explore what is to come for our characters. The only fault that I can find is that you never want it to end. The book is a contrast of desire and rape, devotion and pillaging, awakening and withdrawing. Author Emmanuelle de Maupassant has a wonderful way with words: "They'd disappear under the water and emerge reborn, hair dripping, eyes bright with excitement." "I said nothing, and I understood, at last, why my mother had kept from crying out." "What can I tell you of that day, when all about me wept, for husbands, brothers, sons slain?" I have enjoyed other books by this author and I would not hesitate to read more. I most certainly will have book 2 on my TBR list! If you are offended by scenes of rape, dubious consent, killing or graphic sex, then this story is not for you. I can promise you will be affected one way or another by this book. The emotion leaps from the pages, grabs you by the gut and explodes in your heart. I received an advance reader copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

This is the first book I have read by Emmanuelle. I won this book in a giveaway I entered. Elswyth is the wife of a village leader. When a Northmen's ship lands and attacks her village during the night. They kill most of the men including her husband. They take the women as they please in all the ways that means. Elswyth is faced with Eirik a Northman. Elswyth has always been disliked by the people of her village because of the way she looks. She looks more like a Northman than her own people. She is attracted to Eirik and she is confused by the way she feels. She wants to remain independent now that her husband is dead but can't deny the ways she feels around Eirik and the comfort she finds in him. Will she go back with Eirik or will the differences in their ways keep her from going with him. Eirik doesn't deny that he will sleep with other women but lets her know he loves her and wants her to be the mother of his children. That Elswyth is different to him and more important than just someone to have sex with. I enjoyed this book and can't wait to read the next book in this series. This book is interesting and I love Vikings.

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