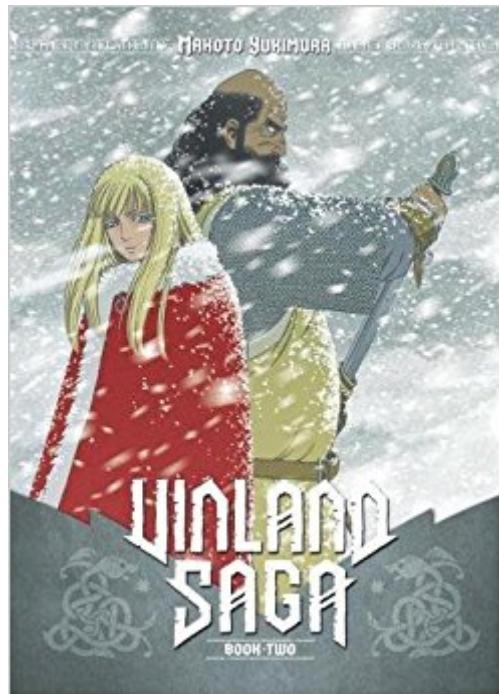


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# Vinland Saga 2



## Synopsis

ENGLAND AT WAR — The foolish King Ethelred has fled, and Askeladd's band is one of hundreds plundering the English countryside. Yet victory brings no peace to the elderly Danish King Sweyn, who worries that his untested, sensitive son Canute will never be ready to take the throne. The king's attempt to force his son to become a man places the young prince within the grasp of the gleeful killer Thorkell! Whoever holds Canute holds the key to the thrones of England and Denmark — and Askeladd has his own reasons for joining the fray!"With its rich visual details, emotional pull and strong characters, this historical epic is an instant winner." - Anime News Network Winner of the Japan Media Arts Awards Grand Prize for Manga and the Kodansha Manga Award From the acclaimed author of Planete

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## Customer Reviews

First and foremost, it is the art in it that got me absolutely and madly hooked. Then, upon reading it I got sucked in by the story. And yes, there is violence and gore but it is never gratuitous because it serves the purpose of telling the story which by the way is pretty darn amazing. Mr. Makoto Yukimura is a sharp artist as well as an amazing story teller. Even my kids who aren't at all into history are loving this...The portrayal of the Vikings in this manga is real and raw and unforgiving but such is reality too...The story incorporating a fictional character into it makes it all the more interesting and wanting you to read more. I recommend this to those who love medieval times, Vikings and a good sound story without any trace of sci-fi or fantasy.

This is the second omnibus in the Vinland Saga historical manga series. I continue to be blown away by the incredible artwork, wonderful characterization, and excellent story in this series. Askeladd and his band of warriors continue rampaging through England and end up in battle with London where they meet the rather viciously hilarious Thorkill. We also meet Prince Canute whom Askeladd decides to go on a mission and rescue in order to win the Danish King Sweyn. Whoever holds Prince Canute holds the keys to both the thrones of England and Denmark and Askeladd has large ambitions. We also get a lot more backstory on Thorfinn. We find out some of the things he had to do when he was younger to survive and how he lost his family. Thorfinn is a fantastic character that is hard not to love. The addition of Thorkill was awesome...he is so enthusiastically evil and such an awesome fighter. Prince Canute is another interesting addition to the story. There is a ton of war and action in this volume. We see a lot of the horrors of war (there is also quite a bit of swearing, rape, and dismemberment) so I would recommend for adult readers only. The illustration is amazingly detailed, even the backgrounds are very realistic. Character expression is very well done as well. There are a ton of characters in the story but I never have trouble telling them apart. The story is still epic in proportions. I continue to enjoy the historical summaries at the end of each chapter. This is just really a very high quality epic historical fantasy manga and is really unlike anything I have ever read before. Overall an absolutely fantastic epic historical manga. The illustration is fantastic, the characters are complex and interesting, and the story is fascinating. I strongly recommend this series to anyone who enjoys manga. Really it is incredibly well done.

This is an amazing series to read. For those who are looking at this and somehow haven't read the first volume then I guess there will need to be a bit of an explanation as to why this series is worth picking up. Vinland Saga is about a young man named Thorfinn who follows a band of mercenaries in order to challenge the leader in one on one honorable battle, to avenge his father who was slain by the leader. It's a rather bloody and detailed manga that is comparable to the likes of Berserk. The battle's and fights are epic, and the story is enticing. I would go into more detail, but I don't want to spoil things. If you read the first volume and liked it, you will not be disappointed with this one.

A true masterpiece. This is one of the best works of art I've ever seen. The storytelling paired with the historical backdrop of the Viking conquest of England is very different from any other manga I've seen before. Volume one sets the tone and gets you hooked and volume two keeps it that way. This

series will be a classic for sure.

Excellent manga, well written with a capturing story line. Once you finish you can't wait to get to the next one

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