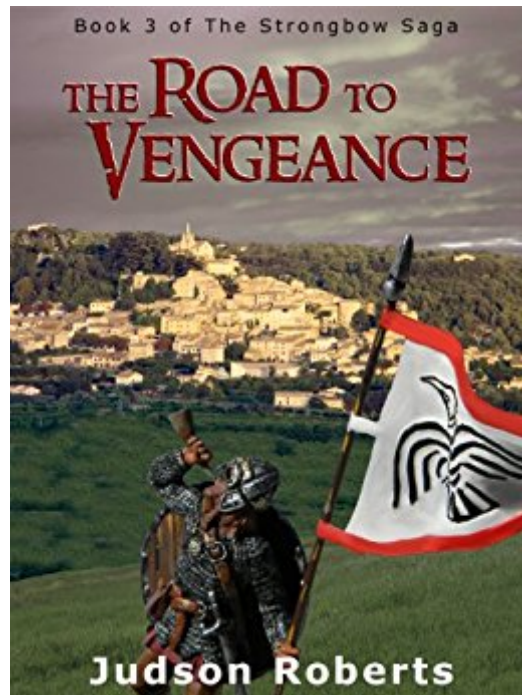




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845 A.D. – the war in Frankia continues. Although increasingly outnumbered and in danger of becoming surrounded and cut off, the invading Danish army pushes deeper into enemy territory. But while the Danes' leaders quarrel, the Frankish army, vast in size and power, slowly gathers. The Strongbow Saga is an epic tale of one man's unstoppable quest for justice and vengeance that carries him across the 9th century world of the Vikings. In The Road to Vengeance, book three of the Saga, Halfdan Hroriksson's courage and skill have won him the support of powerful allies, including the cunning Viking chieftain Hastein, and fate has delivered into his hands a beautiful Frankish noblewoman, a valuable hostage whose ransom will bring him wealth. But even deep in Frankia, he is not safe from the hatred of Toke, the treacherous Danish chieftain who murdered Halfdan's half brother and seeks Halfdan's life, too. Now Halfdan must not only survive the Danish army's desperate final gambit, but also defeat the deadly enemy within the army who is stalking him.

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Customer Reviews

Purposefully widening my historical fiction pursuit to include lands and peoples less familiar and less often included in the plethora of historical fiction written about the English dynasties, I found myself extremely satisfied with this series, the characters and the story line. Most of us with any Anglo ancestry will have some of this lineage in our blood, as well, so it is a well written introduction to those people and those "raiders" who so often visited the English, Scottish and Irish shores in a time when navigating the northern seas was an amazing challenge to most. Good character development, good storyline, good history.

This is a review of the second book, having just finished book three of the series. I have to say that I was really captivated by the story of Halfdan and his adventure. Other reviewers have described the plot line, so I shan't do that again. My only criticism of this book is that some of the plot is a little unbelievable. Halfdan is just a bit too lucky, just a bit too good with the bow, just appears to be in the right place just a bit too often. But, for me that didn't detract from the enjoyment of the book to any great extent. The other point worth making is that the books are quite short, this one included. When you buy a physical book, you can see the size and thickness of the book. With an e-book, it is a little harder to determine how big the book is. I enjoyed the book to the extent that I felt it wasn't completed before the story ended. In other words I felt the book could have been longer/bigger although I understand from other reviewers that this was written for young adults/teens so that may have some influence on the book length. Nevertheless, I would like to recommend this book as a worthwhile read and a good yarn.

This is the third book in the Strongbow Saga following Halfdan set in the 9th century when the Vikings attacked Paris, and is filled with adventure suited for adults and teens. After being rescued from his dangerous mission, Halfdan finds that his painful past is now haunting him as Snorre (Toke's Second in Command) and his crew continue to threaten him at every turn, all while the Frankish king has been assembling his army on both sides of the Seine River and slowly cutting off the Vikings from provisions. The trap is set, but the Viking leaders have made their own plans and boldly sail to take on their great host in a battle that will be remembered for hundreds of years. The battle is nearly lost without Halfdan's skill with a bow, and he wins the gratitude of the War king. The Vikings then set their sights on the great town of Paris, where an unknowing Genevieve, after

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All of these books are incredible and mean a great deal to me. To be able to paint the picture of Viking life so vividly, and yet create likeable and relatable characters is truly a feat to be praised. I do not feel as if the story is trying to be too much, or isn't trying enough, it is a book I have read (and will most likely read) again and again.

The 3rd installment didn't have a single chapter not necessary to further the story line. Again Ragnar Lothbrok and his son Ivar the boneless are important to the plot. Bjorn has a lesser role in this book. It is time for a gutcheck for the Halfdan and the Danes. Is this yet another raid or a serious blow to one of the 3 kingdoms in the French empire (ruled by Charlemagne's grandchildren)? Boldness aplenty, war as brutal as it gets and a final conclusion ends a couple of the loose threads from this series. After the battles here, I guess I will do a mystery book or 2 and then back for the 4th volume of this series....one can only take so much brutal war at 1 time. But the author is truly gifted at spinning a yarn....shu

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