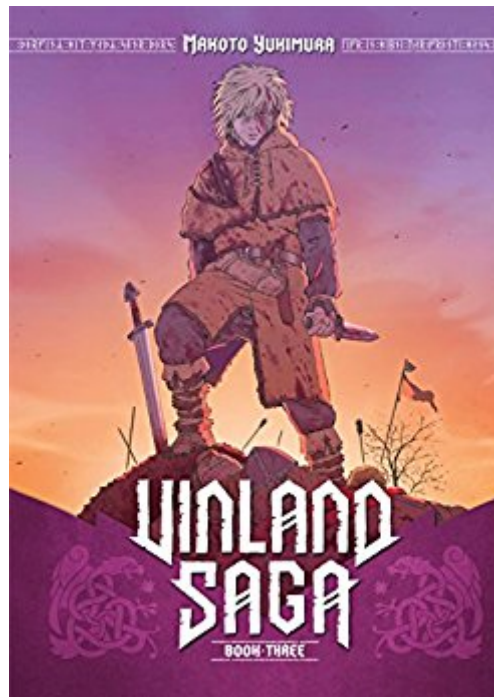


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A BLOODY COMING OF AGE In a gambit to become the power behind the Danish and English thrones, Askeladd has taken the prince, Canute, and plunged deep into a winter storm behind enemy lines. Canute's father, King Sweyn, gives him up for dead in his haste to suppress English resistance. But Askeladd's small band can't outrun the tenacious maniac Thorkell forever, and when the warriors finally clash, a storm of sweat and gore ensues that will turn a boy into a man and a hostage into a ruler of men! "Gripping doesn't begin to describe Vinland Saga. 5 stars." - ICv2 "Deeply engrossing... If you have any interest at all in Vikings, the Medieval period, or pirates, this is not a series you want to miss." - Anime News Network "For those who love Berserk, you'll love this too... Worth the long wait." - A Case Suitable for Treatment From the acclaimed author of Planetes

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Customer Reviews

I really wish this manga would get licensed by an Anime company now, it would be epic! Question: Did anyone's copy have colored pages 211-214 UPSIDE DOWN?! How do I go about replacing this, or Kodansha Comics? UPDATE (6/2/14): I asked for a replacement and the pages that were upside down are fixed.

This is the third volume in the Vinland Saga Omnibus series. It was just as wonderful as earlier books in this series. The story is so epic and just draws the reader in and the illustration is absolutely stunning. Askeladd has taken Prince Canute and gone deep behind enemy territory. Thorfinn is given the task of protecting the Prince. However finally the inevitable happens and the war hungry Thorkill catches up with Askeladd's army. Thorkill wants to finish his fight with Thorfinn once and for all. The fight scenes are epic and the story is absolutely amazing. This book focuses a lot on Askeladd and Thorfinn. We also learn a lot more about the history between Thorfinn's father and Thorkell. Even more touching is the story of the unwanted Prince Canute. Prince Canute is a soft-spoken boy who had a gentle upbringing not suited for all this war. However as events unravel we finally get to see the true metal within Prince Canute. I continue to enjoy the summaries between chapters that show Thorfinn's journey so far and the small comments about how this story follows the history of that time period. It's all incredibly interesting. The illustration remains top notch. There is just so much beautiful detail in this book. It is a pleasure to look at and to read. Overall an absolutely fantastic addition to the Vinland Saga series. I highly recommend this series to all manga fans out there. This has been an incredibly well done epic historical manga with engaging characters, awesome action, beautiful illustration, and an epic story too! It's just fantastic and I can't wait to read the next one in the series!

i don't know if i spelled that right but... things start going south for Asklad when his men start turning on him and try taking the prince for themselves. and they do it at the worst time as Thorkel is right on their tails. this was a great volume with a unusual ending that makes me wonder how the story will pan out for the next book.

Finally we see the prince come out of his shell in this issue and Askeladd is forced into battle with a mutiny within his crew. Usually I only read a 1/3 of an omnibus at a time but the Vinland Saga series is so good I end up reading the entire omnibus book in one sitting. Please be careful if you do decide to purchase this series in book form. My volume 4 of Vinland Saga came from a bad production lot. There was practically no glue on the book binding along the spine. When I returned it for a non defective copy, my replacement also had the same issue, However volumes 1,2,3,5 were all in new, mint condition. This is usually an issue with omnibus editions but was VERY noticeable with volume 4 of Vinland Saga. All you have to do is hold open your book and if the pages all droop down away from the spine then you have the same issue I had. My other volumes the pages are perfectly

sealed to the spine. I just wanted to give you a heads up and also I did not allow this production error affect my rating on this story.

This story remains and continues to be superb. The art is excellent and is a bar above anything else I've seen coming from manga. Volume 3 of the saga concentrates heavily on the historical aspects of the story. Continuing on the Danish invasion of Britain; the two rival commanders Askeladd and Thorkell battle the English and each other continuously throughout the book, while they both want to be the ones with Prince Canute in their hands, though for different reasons. In this volume Thorfinn's quest for vengeance against his father plays a smaller role and stays more in the background while the character of Prince Canute shines as he evolves. The Prince must deal with a devastating incident that can either make or break him. We watch as the, thus far, quiet soft spoken boy, takes on the character of a King's son, fit to be heir. This is an absolutely brilliant manga with a compelling story. I've not read anything like this before and can't wait for the next volume.

This has to be one of the best manga ever! Makoto Yukimura is brilliant with this manga. Beautifully drawn, amazing fighting scenes and intense story line. To me this manga equals Naoki Urasawa's Monster or even 20th Century Boys. This is one you need to have in your collection. I'm really looking forward to Vinland Saga: book four.

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