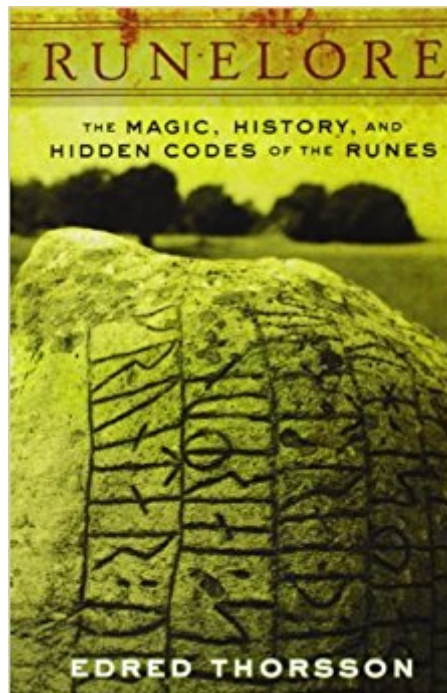




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Runelore: The Magic, History, And Hidden Codes Of The Runes



Synopsis

Runework authority and author Edred Thorsson, explores the riddle of the runes. Combining historical lore with a detailed investigation, Runelore focuses on the esoteric aspects of the runic tradition. In Part One, Historical Lore, Thorsson uses archaeological evidence to explain where the runes come from, what they mean, and how they evolved. In Part Two, Hidden Lore, he takes a more psychological view of the runes and looks at the entire cosmology of the Old Norse to explain the role runes played and how they were used over time. Included are specific sections on rune magic and divination, rune poems, runic numerology, and concise explanations of the mysteries of the 24 runes. Reprinted with a newly designed cover, Runelore offers a complete picture of the Runes.

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Customer Reviews

Edred Thorsson is an American Runologist who synthesizes solid academic research with intuitive insight and a strong emphasis on the practice of rune magic. He received his Ph.D. in Germanic Languages and Medieval Studies in 1984. His other books include Futhark and Runecaster's Handbook. Author website: www.runaraven.com

In continuation of the previous review for the "Futhark", "Runelore" presents a very well put history of the runes and runology. In this book one is able to follow the development of the runic futhark up to the present day, see different kinds of futharks (old, young, frisian etc.) and also see the kinds of objects that were used for runic inscriptions (that may ve involved pretty much anything) Thus,

you can get a hands-on experience involving the runes. However, the book is not limited to historical and archeological information. The author Edred Thorsson, a professor and a heathen godhi makes a strong point, that this tradition is alive, and has never really died out, as it was preserved in the germanic folklore, and later has been given a boost in the Romantic period in Germany by some very talented adepts. Edred makes a point that has been my good omen for many years:

Christianity and paganism are much more related that many would like to admit. In fact, and it IS a kind of fact - paganism has masterfully used the guise of Christian doctrine to survive during long years of its illegal or semi-illegal existence. Of course some controversies are also there. For example the one surrounding runes and their misuse by the Nazi Germany, but it HAS happened, what can we do? Guy Julius Ceasar shouldn't have gone to that bogus Senatorial meeting that brought about his end as well - but he did, now didn't he? I liked the book and the rich variety of information presented in it. But what i also liked was authors effort to show this tradition for what it is and what it has been: a source of tremendous knowledge and empowerment for the generations of peoples in Scandinavia, Europe, and the Americas.

This second book in the trilogy of Rune material by Thorsson is excellent for those looking for a historically-based interpretation of the Runes (roughly, as the Armanen aspects he utilizes in places puts me off a little). This book is actually more historically based, and focused on lore, than the first, actually. Again, Thorsson holds a PhD, and the academia shows sometimes in the work. That is good in terms of the research that went into the three books in this trilogy of Rune books, but does not always make for the smoothest reading. I would recommend this book (as well as the rest of the trilogy) to anyone interested in learning about the Runes with an esoteric slant, and it can also provide some information to those simply looking for an exoteric understanding.

After buying a Celtic/Norse pendant, I wanted to know what the runes said (if anything) on the pendant. (Also sold on -- the one with the 9 stars.) Turns out the 24 runes on the pendant are merely the Younger Futhark alphabet from A-Z. There are no magic incantations or calls to the Norse gods on it. (Whew!) The book is the one to get for a complete explanation of the runes, their history and a brief explanation of the Norse mythology related to Yggdrasil -- the Norse Tree of Life. Interesting discussion regarding the 9 levels of reality represented by the Tree...also note that there is a Serpent at the base of the Tree, and an Eagle at the top, and when the Serpent (kundalini) climbs the Tree [spine] and merges with the Eagle, one will experience enlightenment[satori] -- What the heck -- How did the Norse know about that? (This last data is genuine and from my research into the Tree;

the author does not seem to know about the kundalini symbology.) The 9 levels of reality reminded me of the Kabbalah Sefirot in the way they are arranged about an axis and most connect with each other.... The major Norse gods are also profiled: Odin, Thor, Freya.... a very good comprehensive overview of runes.

Deciphering ancient writings and symbols.

Good

Another very good Thorsson book on the Elder Futhark, very glad I've stuck to this author from the beginning of my learning of those ancient & beautiful runes :)

Has a different cover than the one pictured but is a very good read

After reading one of Thorsson's books, I went out and bought all of his others that I could get my hands on. Some of them are quite rare now and range in the \$300+ ranges. The way in which he writes these books is so intelligent, unbiased, and obviously enlightened. Buy all of his books while you can, because information like this never lasts long.

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