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Book III of the ongoing Norsemen Saga. In this riveting follow-up to *Fin Gall* and *Dubh-linn*, Thorgrim Night Wolf makes ready to leave the Viking town of Dubh-linn for the long journey back to his home in Norway. Having recovered from the wounds of battle and having won for himself a fortune, a crew, and a longship, he is ready to return to his farm in Vik and go a'viking no more.

But the gods have other plans, and Thorgrim and his men wash up in the small Viking longphort of Vík-ló. Thinking themselves among friends, they soon learn that the opposite is true, that Grimarr Giant, the Lord of Vík-ló, has reason to want Thorgrim and his son Harald dead.

In a world where they cannot tell friend from foe, a world of violence at sea and on land, Thorgrim, Harald, Ornof, Starri and their band of Norsemen find themselves once again fighting not just for plunder, but for their very survival.

## **The Lord of Vik-lo Details**

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# From Reader Review The Lord of Vik-lo for online ebook

## Charles van Buren says

Nelson has done his research, November 2, 2016

This review is from: The Lord of Vik-lo: A Novel of Viking Age Ireland (The Norsemen Saga Book 3) (Kindle Edition)

Mr. Nelson's Norsemen saga continues to entertain. Nelson has done his research and is a good writer and story teller. I noticed that this third volume did not garner as much criticism as the first two. I suppose those who didn't like the story or the writing didn't keep reading but this volume is also a more direct, less complex story. There are twists and turns, betrayals, unexpected enemies and such but I found it fairly easy to anticipate many of them. A couple of points were stretched to make this story. One is the betrayal of Grimmar. I don't see that his betrayer had any reasonable expectation of success.

SPOILER: Do not read the following if you don't want to know part of the story which is apparently supposed to be a surprise. The trouble which overtook Thorgrim and his men in Vik-Lo should not have been such a surprise. Thorgrim killed Danes raiding in Dublin and took their ship as a prize. Vik-Lo is a Danish port not far south of Dublin. The chances were good that the raiders and their ship came from Vik-Lo. The odds were also at least fair, that if they did come from Vik-Lo, that someone there might recognise the ship. Yet neither Thorgrim or any of his men gave this any thought.

Normally I would not recommend a novel with two such flaws in the plot, but the fact is that I enjoyed the book. I like Mr. Nelson's storytelling and writing ability. I also like the historical setting of the story. I plan to read volume four.

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## antony says

I find it hard to come up with new things to say about this series. It is so consistently good, the characters are so consistently interesting, the stories are so consistently engaging, Just when you think you know what's coming you are surprised when it's something else, yo are shocked when it's not what you expected and you are eager to find our where it's going to end up.

Cheer, laugh, cry, be lifted up, be brought down, run the gamut of emotion. I've said it all before but each book in the series is packed with shovelfuls of the lot of it.

Like I said about the the last book if you like this kind of thing you will LOVE this.

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## Mark Halse says

The third installment of the Norseman Saga does not disappoint. Thorgrim Night Wolf is still desperate to get back to Vik but the bastard shores of Ireland keep pulling him back. This time Thorgrim must help the Lord of Vik-lo secure a vast treasure before he is allowed to return home. Along the way he deals with blood

fueds, treachery and sex. Oh, and did I mention Thorgrim is a motherfucking werewolf?!? Read this book!

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### **Dave Becker says**

Man, I love these Nelson books! Meaty stories and awesome characters. Even the bad guys in this were likable to a degree. Thorgrim's obligation to friends, family and duty keep him in Ireland even longer and hi-jinx ensues. I do wish there were more women characters, as I really enjoyed the other women in the earlier books in this series. Looking forward to the rest of this series!

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### **cdf4206gmail.com says**

I so enjoy the continuing saga of Thorgrim Night Wolf and his son Harald. After enjoying the TV Series Vikings, this is a great adventure of the Vikings in Ireland. Mr. Nelson paints a very exciting picture of the violence of the time, the Irish clans trying to gain power and the Viking raids of their country. Truly a violent age. I don't know little about ships and sailing but this is a very exciting read for both men and women. I highly recommend, and also recommend reading from the beginning, Fin Gal.

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### **Sharon Jess says**

**Interesting and entertaining read.**

I very much enjoyed this book. Hard to put down. However unlike the previous two books in this series, it had an amazing amount of typos. Hard to think it was actually proofread. If you like this time period and culture, this series is a good read.

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### **Reggie Kray says**

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### **Patricia Gregerson says**

**Great Saga!**

Trying to read book 4 but having a hard time downloading. Can not wait to finish the whole Saga and start another!

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## **Bill K says**

### **Excellent tales of Northmen in Ireland**

James L . Nelson's series is packed full of adventure. The heroes are unique (some are bizarre) and they are all entertaining and easy to identify with and like. The villains are not one dimensional or shallow. You can understand and often agree with what has led them to their beliefs, even if you would condemn their actions.

I am very glad to have found this author. His is the best writing I have come across in awhile.

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## **Naci Akkøk says**

### **Good - as the rest**

Reflects the essence of the history of Ireland and the influence of the Norsemen pretty good. Recommended to those who like popularized history.

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## **joan harmon says**

### **Best book of the series**

Well written and the best book in the series so far. A different perspective with three main characters. Keep up the good work!!

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## **Steven Toby says**

### **The Saga Continues!**

We rejoin Thorgrim Nightwolf, his son Harald, jarl Ornolf the Restless, and the Berserker Karri for another adventure on land and sea in medieval Ireland. This episode continues the riveting plot twists and continues the development of the characters seen in the first 2 books.

Like book 1, it seems an authentic portrayal of the period, including even the seamanship quirks of the Viking longships. (I have some doubts here because I have myself steered a replica longship under both sail and oars and I could not change tacks under sail alone except by wearing. However, it's possible I didn't have the correct sail handling techniques and neither I nor the regular crew had had much practice). This book gets even deeper into the culture of the Irish of the time and I have to accept its approach because the author clearly knows much more than I do about that. His portrayal of the Vikings is excellent (I know enough that I could check) so let's hope he also did justice to the Irish.

Like book 2 there are signs of sloppy editing, far too many typos for the era of spellchecker and grammar check! But for someone who can write such good entertainment the reader should not be pedantic (as another famous fictional Irishman is always saying)! The meaning is always clear and it will keep you up late trying

to find out who will double cross who next.

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### **Wendy L. says**

I always love books about the Viking era. I think this book is well researched and I love the expertise James L. Nelson shows about sailing, the Viking life and ships. To me that is the cream filling in this book, indeed in all his books. I loved Thorgrim Nightwolf the main character and his almost supernatural power. I think he is one of my favorite characters. The battle scenes are always good and have me on the edge of my seat. I look forward to reading more James L. Nelson and his Norse sagas.

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### **Mai-Lan Hanley says**

#### **Gets your attention and keepsnit**

Adventure, intrigue, betrayal, colorful, detailed etc! After reading the trilogy, I began to know what was coming even before it was confirmed in the narrative. After awhile reading a certain author you begin to see where they are going. In the case of this author, he stretched the credulity with the times our heroes will find themselves in an impossible position only to miraculously emerge victorious! That, I imagine, is the advantage of writing fiction and doesn't take away from the reader's desire to discover where he would take you next! Good Read or I wouldn't have read all three books!

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### **Pat says**

Only one more book in this series to read - The first (Fin Gall) took me a while to get into but I've enjoyed each subsequent book. Sure there are a few mistakes, and the tale is a bit predictable at times but none of this mattered very much. I've liked the characters, though the descriptions of the places do nothing to remind me of the Ireland I have visited (even though they are the same places) except for the view from the hill of Tara..... a view I remember well, Nelson's description brought it vividly to mind. Have just bought the last installment of this tale and will get started on that as soon as I can. I love to read a series in its entirety, so excuse me while I get to the final book.

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