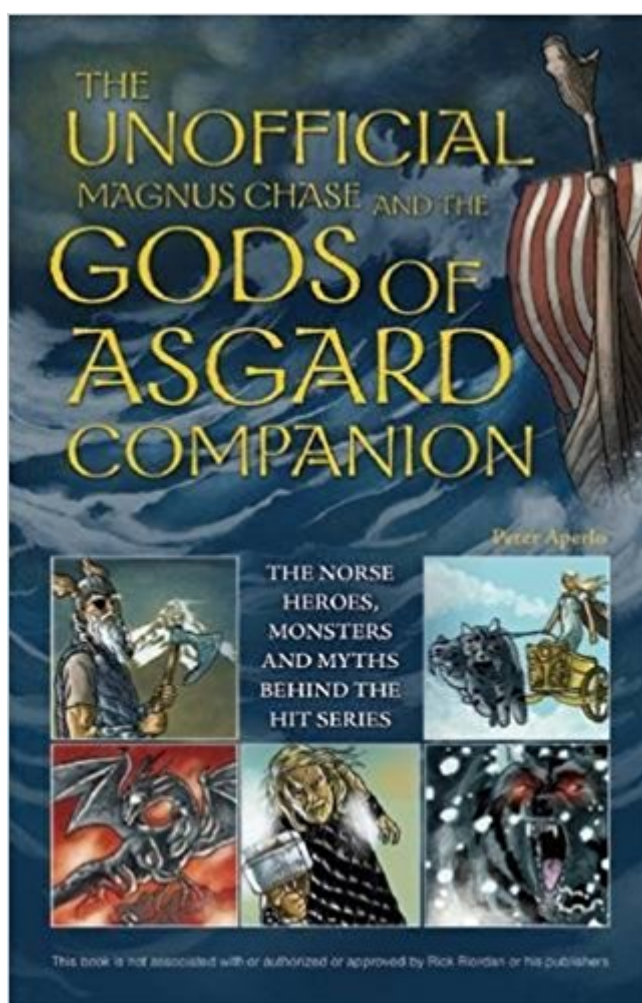


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# The Unofficial Magnus Chase And The Gods Of Asgard Companion: The Norse Heroes, Monsters And Myths Behind The Hit Series



## Synopsis

FASCINATING BACKGROUND FACTS, STORIES AND MYTHOLOGICAL INFORMATION FOR THE MAGNUS CHASE AND THE GODS OF ASGARD SERIES Long ago in the legendary land of Asgard, battles raged throughout the Heavens and Earth between powerful gods, Viking heroes and deadly monsters. These timeless tales of bravery, deceit and love come alive in this all-new illustrated guide. As enthralling today as when first told around arctic campfires, these ancient myths are the inspiration for Rick Riordan's captivating new Magnus Chase books. An ideal source of Norse mythology for anyone reading his novels, this handy companion includes information on:

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- Asgard: Realm of the gods
- Fenrir: A blood-thirsty giant wolf
- Loki: The trickster god
- Fafnir: A treasure-hoarding dragon
- Valhalla: Heaven's golden hall
- Freyja: Goddess of love
- Ragnarok: Battle of the doomed gods

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## Customer Reviews

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This is an excellent book for those interested in the Vikings and the series Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard. I knew nothing about this subject. This is very early history. I do not remember studying anything like this in school. After reading this book, I have an inkling of what was going on. There are sections called "Things to take away" that help you understand what is going on in the series. For example, in order to understand Norse poetry, you need to know your mythology. I enjoyed reading about the Viking Culture in all the areas throughout Europe. I do recommend this book because of the detailed information linking it to the series.

I had no idea what to expect when I picked up this book. A coworker of mine recommended it, more than once, and so I decided to take the plunge and get a copy. I had no idea what I was really getting myself into. It's very informative but I often wasn't sure what I was being informed about. I had no idea about the Vikings or Gods of Asgard, though I am a big fan of mythology, legends and fantasy worlds. This was a great book and got me excited to try the Magnus Chase series.

I bought this book for my nephew who loves Rick Riordan novels. I read through this book before I sent it to him, and I admit- I completely fell in love! I always loved mythology growing up, and the magic has not left these stories as an adult. The book opens with an engaging and interesting description and history of Vikings, complete with really beautiful illustrations. The book continues with information about Norse mythology. I've never read much about Norse mythology and I fell in love. The stories are timeless and fascinating, and the author keeps the information fresh and entertaining. The dialogue is quick and often very funny, and the stories are kid-friendly while still being appealing to adults. After the stories, there is an encyclopedia of Norse mythology. I really liked this section to see more information about the characters mentioned in the stories. It's so fun to read about all these vivid characters! The book ends with some more resources to look into. I loved learning about Norse mythology. My nephew did too- he told me how much he loved learning about the stories and how it made Magnus Chase more fun to read! I loved hearing that! In turn, learning about Norse mythology made me want to read the Rick Riordan books! I'm happy to have this to bond with my nephew.

The unofficial is different than the official handbook (Hotel Valhalla Guide to the Norse Worlds by R. Riordan) and both are helpful. This book addresses Viking history and daily life as well as their handicraft and warfare. Both books give information about the Gods, Heroes and Norse Myths. Riordan's companion book has a nice pronunciation guide. I found both books very useful and read

them before reading Magnus Chase. If you already know about Norsk Mythology these guides would not be needed. Both books are easy and quick to read. Both could be used as resources for added information as you read the Magnus Chase books.

Great companion to Magnus Chase and Percy Jackson series. We bought a second copy to donate to our school library!

This was recommended by a librarian friend. It turned out to be more of a junior adult book. Very well done. Young adults would like it.

Recently I had to buy a gift for a young nephew, and I became aware of a new series called Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard by Rick Riordan. Being interested in Norse mythology and viking culture myself, I decided to buy the first couple as a gift with hopes my nephew would become interested as well. I soon realized that the books were not too historical/thorough, not that I expected them to be, so I went looking for books about the culture itself, and came across this book. I bought it and am pleasantly surprised at its readability and depth. The Unofficial Companion talks a lot about Norse/Viking culture as a whole before getting into the actual myths, and it paints it in a really positive light. It is clear the author has a deep respect for, and interest in, this ancient culture, and it's refreshing to hear about Vikings without reference to pillaging, looting, and all that other nasty stuff. After introducing the culture Aperlo goes on to include a collection of Norse myths and an encyclopedia of heroes, gods, and monsters. Each myth is well presented, includes illustrations, and is nicely laid out. The encyclopedia is also well displayed, and it's easy to follow and find who you are looking for, and how they relate to the mythology and culture as a whole. I'm going to have a hard time giving this book to my nephew, but I know he will enjoy it and gain a deeper understanding of Viking culture and myths in the process.

The book is super informative and clears up a lot of misconceptions on Vikings. What I took away most is the lifestyle. Most people think of what tv shows us, which is a barbarian-type people. However, Norse people/ Scandinavians had a developed culture. There were some that raped and pillaged, but many were farmers and fishers and stayed away from the pirate lifestyle. Sure there was fighting and war, but there aren't many societies without. Learning more about the culture humanizes the people of legend. I loved learning about the style of dress. Most people think of horned hats and breast plates (those raised by bugs bunny anyway) but in reality they were long

pieces of wool overlaid with another piece and decorated with threads and metals. They as well, took great care in appearance, bathing regularly, grooming and wearing makeup and jewelry but we're still called filthy by other cultures. Probably mostly because they were viewed as pagans. I could go on and on about about what I learned and liked, but there is way too much to talk about. This guide is good for reference on Norse gods or even to skim for facts and history tidbits. The "Norse Notes" are great summaries each section if you like to condense down information. Best thing about this book is that I feel I have information to share. Yesterday I actually got to tell my co-workers what "Viking" actually means. Score one for me.

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