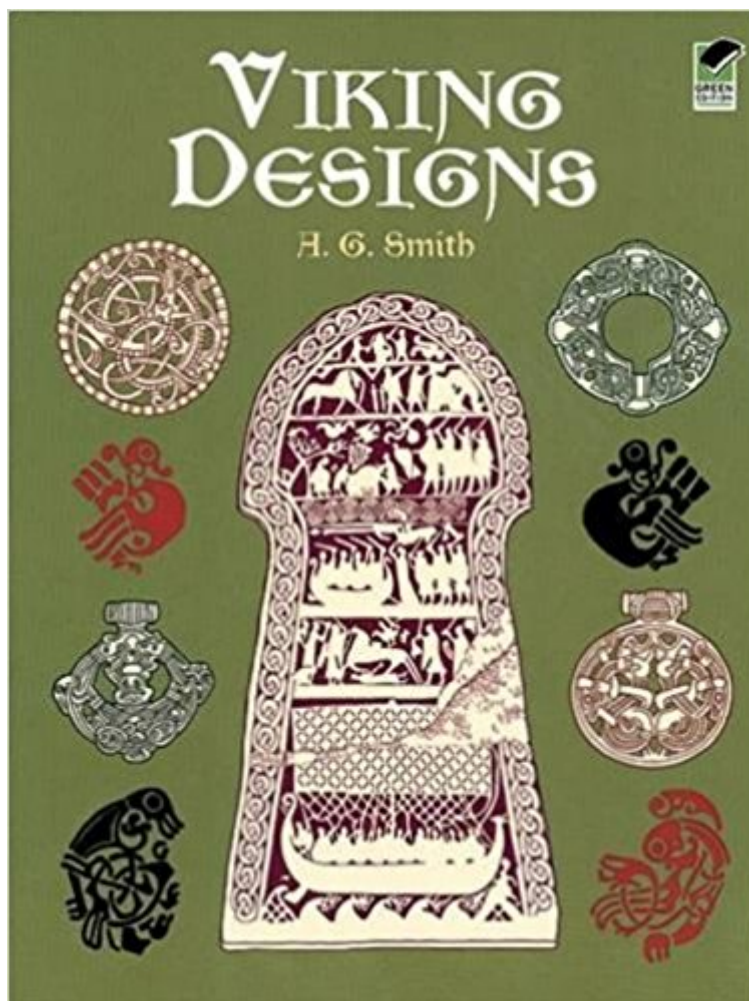


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This book contains a number of interesting designs and the author deserves credit for noting their sources. However, what you get looks to my eye like mediocre freehand copies of the original designs which were not done by a highly skilled illustrator. Details tend to be rough and poorly defined. I did not find many useful items and despite the low price, the book is not a good value.

I am happy with the book, it has a lot of different designs. I was only disappointed that the pictures weren't actual pictures, more copies of the actual item they were describing. But it tells you what part of Scandinavia the pieces come from although some of them I couldn't find on a map. Thank you!

After researching my ancestry and finding out my origins, I have a great appreciation for the beautiful artwork. I love this book, and have been trying to soak up as much as I can find :) very interesting!

The image collection is poor. There are thousands of viking designs, images and art work, but this collection has nothing to offer. The images aren't usable for anything and you can get better online or in other viking books. I was trying to get some ideas for a viking themed tattoo, but nothing here.

I bought this book as a reference guide for sketching and designing my Viking tattoos. It has been invaluable for that task and well worth the money spent.

Not exactly what I was expecting when I ordered this, but really interesting to flip through and see how the art work changed as time passed.

I bought this book in hopes of finding I really unique design for a tattoo. I wanted something Nordic

done because that is my heritage, and I found just the design. For all of you who have the book, or are planning on getting it, I will be getting the design of page 9. It's so great, I love it! No complaints about the book, was in perfect condition, although it took a little longer to get than I expected. But it was well worth the wait.:D

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