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Dive into the thrilling first novel in the new fantasy adventure epic, the Queenmaker series! Welcome to Heimgard!

Aelfhild always tried to keep her world small. She served the future queen; she did her duty. She kept quiet. But the world had other plans.

When the assassins came for her mistress, there was only one choice: run. Swept into a world of longships and bloodthirsty raiders, of sky-splitting storms and heaving seas, of old gods and treachery, Aelfhild has to find her footing—and fast. She'll tangle with scheming lords and stand alongside stoic shieldmaidens. She'll raise a mug with drunken warrior-poets and set sail for unknown lands with a crew of restless misfits. It's going to take all the strength and courage she can muster. And more than a little luck.

Surviving in the world of Heimgard is one thing, but keeping the true heir to the throne alive long enough to see the crown?

That's another matter altogether.

Runes and Red Sails is the first installment of the Queenmaker series, a roaring fantasy adventure set in a world inspired by Norse and Old English mythology.

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Beth says

Great start to a new series

This book was hard to put down. I love ancient history and I love how he adapted Norse stories and lifestyle to his own world. Thank you for a delightful read!

Anji Ison says

I won a free copy of this book so thank you Mr. Levisay!! This book was great, a strong heroine that you can like. I'm excited about book 2 and can't wait to continue with this series!!

Indiebrag says

We are proud to announce that RUNES AND RED SAILS (Queenmaker Book 1) by Ander Levisay is a B.R.A.G. Medallion Honoree. This tells readers that this book is well worth their time and money!

Matthew Travagline says

Runes and Red Sails very aptly begins the start to what could be an epic fantasy series. It houses a strong cast of characters, vivid settings and an intriguing story.

I was leaning on giving it a three out of five, but the ending bumped it up.

Now that I know what is possible, I desperately want to see more of the fantastical in the series to follow. I suspect we will. Had we seen more of the draugr, and other fantastical elements earlier, I think I would've finished it much quicker. As it is, my biggest gripe with this tale is how long it took me to read it (considering its short length).

But the ending not only made up for the slog in the middle, but also peaked my anticipation for books two and beyond.

I received this book for free through Goodreads Firstreads.

Sandy says

Great book with a strong female protagonist venturing out into unknown lands and seas. It's a fascinating

fictional world with characters battling against other regions, Mother Nature, as well as their own fears and doubts. I'm glad this is the first in a series as I can't wait for the next one to come out and the tale to continue!

Christine Smith says

4 1/2 stars—love a book with clever and strong women as well as some unexpected twists! Can't wait to read the rest of the series!

Petra Wallenmeyer says

First of all, I want to note that this is a self-published book. These are always risky for me to invest in because the quality of spelling, grammar, and punctuation is not always up to my picky standards. Self-published books that I have read or attempted to read are also very poor quality sometimes, since there may have been no editor involved to help clean up the writing. Now, with that being said...

This book went way above and beyond my expectations. There were no glaring errors in the writing that distracted me from the story. And the story itself was great! There was no awkward, heavy, clunky dialogue or massive info dump or unbelievable characters.

I really, really enjoyed this book. The story drew me in quickly. I cared about the characters. The plot was engaging. There was enough action, intrigue, danger, and mystery to keep me flipping through the (virtual) pages; but there was enough dialogue, world-building, and character development to keep me intellectually and emotionally invested in the characters and what happened to them. The ending was a surprise in one aspect, but completely expected in another. There is some foreshadowing to give you a hint of what is to be revealed, and yet there are a couple very unexpected twists near the end that shocked me. I will definitely read the next book in this series!

Donna Bresnak says

i received a kindle cpy of this book for free from goodreads,

loved it. just a fun adventure story with a twist ending which left me wanting to read he next installment. female charaters ae at the heart of the story and I found this refreshing too.

Jennifer Lea says

I won this as a first-reads on Goodreads.com and I must admit, I loved it. I had no doubt that I would. I love all things nautical, all things Viking and all things Scandinavian. Did you say this is part one of a series? You can count me along for the ride. Just like a Viking with his mead at the dinner table, give me more, I say!

Al Ford says

This is the first book I have ever given five stars. Even though it started a little slow for my taste, the time spent getting through the first few chapters paid off big time. By the halfway point, I didn't want to put it down, but the more I read, the more afraid I was that it would end. Not many books do that to me. This storyline was well done, the characters believable and likeable (especially Embla), and the ending was exactly like I wanted it to be. Okay, maybe the thing with Ceolwen was a little extreme, but it was still good. The book was also well written and edited, with the exception of a few minor mistakes. This is the kind of quality book that I, as an Indie writer, like to see. Well done.

Lu Rose says

Diving into a world of royal kings and warriors it starts off very sad with the death of King Osred of Earnfold. The king didn't decide on which child would be the next king or Queen of Earnfold. His son Osric was casted out once Ceolwen came to the knowledge of his birth. After the king's death with the procession out to the graveyard where the king will lay. Osric approached Aelfhild and tried to get her on his side to be the next King of the land meanwhile Ceolwen has no idea this is going on until Ceolwen and her mistress reach Norholt!!! Once they arrived at Norholt Eorl jumped up from the table where the warriors were eating and drinking from as drunk as Eorl was he came over hugged his cousin and announced to eat and drink in the name of the king's name Osred but Ceolwen declined and retired but Aelfhild stayed and ate cause of the many days she had gone without eating. Meanwhile she was on a guilt trip but gathered enough courage to go tell Ceolwen what really did happen and she did it wasn't as bad as Aelfhild had thought it might be. The next day they go out to the market it was Aelfhild's idea to get Ceolwen's mind off of things little did they know that Aelfhild was gonna see something out of line a hooded man not once but twice!!! Later when they got back to the Great hall in Norholt Aelfhild process to tell Eorl what she saw which get him thinking they are in grave danger and starting plotting up a plan or too!!! After going to one kingdom to the next to seek help from Ceolwen's relatives there was more challenges and new dangers they had to face as a group on this lengthy journey but once they reached the old lands Ceolwen dies and to your surprise it was Aelfhild who was chosen by the Gods!!!

Skylar says

The book started a bit slow, but ended well and used the Norse setting and people believably.
