



The Vikings on Film

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About the Book

Factual and fanciful tales of the Nordic warriors known as Vikings have proven irresistible to filmmakers for nearly a century. Diverse, prominent actors from Kirk Douglas, Richard Widmark and Sidney Poitier to Tim Robbins and John Cleese, and noted directors, including Richard Fleischer, Clive Donner and Terry Jones, have all lent their talents to Viking-related films. These fourteen essays on films dealing with the Viking era discuss American, British and European productions. Analyzed in detail are such films as *The Vikings* (1958), *The Long Ships* (1964), *Alfred the Great* (1969), *Erik the Viking* (1989) and *Outlander* (2008), as well as two comic-strip adaptations, the 1954 and 1989 films of *Prince Valiant* and the animated *Asterix and the Vikings* (2006). A comprehensive filmography is also included.

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