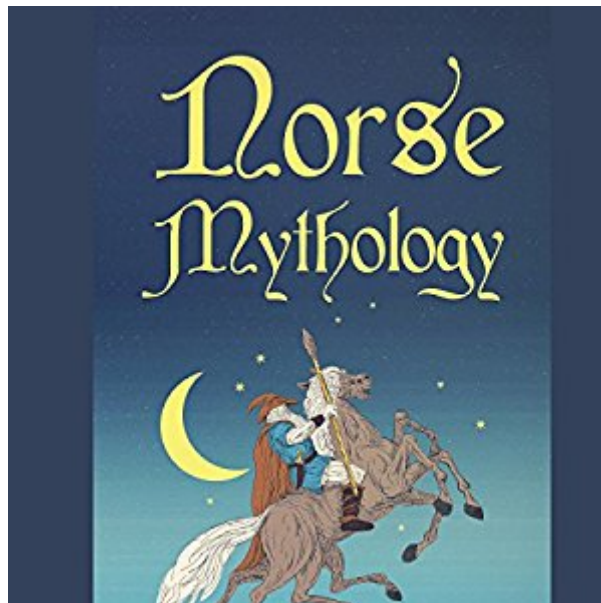


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Do the Norse names - Loki, Thor, Odin, and Freya - sound familiar to you? Before the birth of Christianity in the Middle Ages, the Norse-glorified Vikings and Germanic people held their worldview of life. This Norse religion, culture, and tradition never held on to its original name, but it was much respected, complicated, and highly sophisticated. This "tradition", which it was called before the Norse who practiced it at that time, was engulfed and merged into the myths and extraordinary personalities. These Norse religious stories were passed down from generation to generation until the time when it was washed ashore. This fascinating religion of the Vikings blossomed until the birth of Christianity. This didn't stop the practice of this "tradition" for Norse men and people. To the Germanic people, the birth of Christianity brought a slow death to the Norse tradition. The voracious people to this religion were now called "the heathen". The uniqueness of the Norse mythology is not only from its very different point of view and its cyclical view of time. Modern knowledge of Norse mythology stems from medieval texts, most of them written in Iceland. Descendants of Norse colonists in that country maintained a strong interest in their heritage even after becoming Christian. This book provides a brief introduction to Norse mythology, its gods and goddesses, and most important the tales of the Norse mythology that encompasses the end of the birth, death, and rebirth of the cosmos at Ragnarok. These stories show and tell us that these events are in a cyclical narrative form.

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