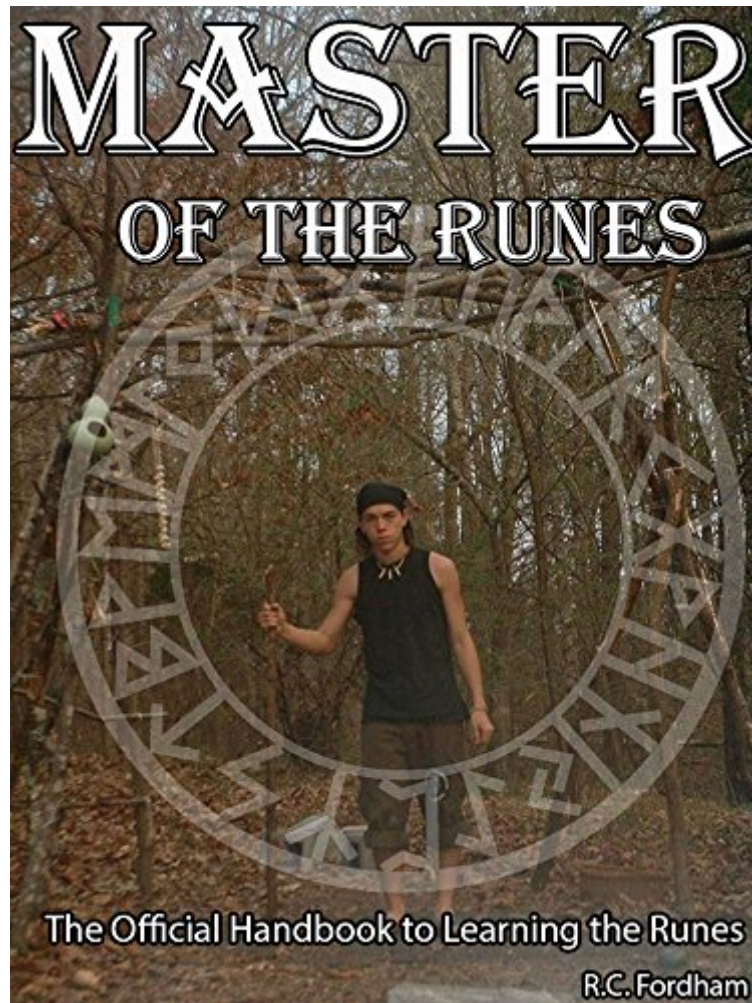




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Master Of The Runes: The Official Handbook To Learning The Runes



Synopsis

Master of the Runes is perhaps the most powerful book ever written on the runes. Both the novice and the expert will find the material inside useful. This book explores an extra dimension to the runes that so many prior authors have left out. This book is not about the meanings of the runes themselves. It explores the meanings and then talks about WHY they mean what they do. We will explore many connections and explanations not discussed by other authors. Enough said - this is not your typical pocket book. It was written to turn you into a Rune Master. You may have come in contact with many rune books in your past explorations. Some may have left you hungry for more. Most, without doubt, only told you what the runes mean. These books are for memorization and do not help you form the knowledge to understand the intricate system of the Elder Futhark. Unlike those books, The Master of the Runes is the ultimate guide to the Futhark Runes in the Germanic context. There is so much information contained within that you will not walk away hungry. You will be prepared to understand the runes in your own way and in your own terms. More importantly you will understand them as our ancestors meant for them to be understood. The runes provide initiation into higher ways of thinking that transcend the material plane. As progression is made in studying the runes, the quality of understanding the world deepens. The student is able to peel back the layers of reality. In one way this works on a macro level. In another perspective this works on the micro. After all, the universe is a hologram of the self. To achieve a deeper understanding of the runes requires us to work with them. Only through practice, will the runes open up their symbolic meaning to you. This process is known as runic revelation. When Odin seized the runes, he did not merely conceptualize them as we would a letter in the alphabet. He took within him their meaning. This required Odin to sacrifice himself to himself on Yggdrasil. By suspending the animation of his body, he was able to penetrate through the confines of time-space and imposed contingencies. This book will conceptualize the runes of the Elder Futhark with my emphasis upon the Germanic Futhark. However, I will discuss elements from all futharks in order to paint a greater picture. I will also use other Indo-European traditions and etymologies to elaborate on knowledge that has been obscured through the sands of time.

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Customer Reviews

The introduction makes a lot of grandiose claims, the sort that would usually steer me away from a book entirely, but the sample chapters had me intrigued enough to buy the e-book. What I found was a well written, if heavily UPG reliant, book (UPG = unsubstantiated personal gnosis) that oddly (at least it struck me as odd) sought to teach the meanings of the runes **before** introducing the reader to the rune poems (our primary source of rune-lore). Some of the material regarding meditation and magic were interesting and well-presented, and would likely benefit the beginner. I likely would have rated this higher if the author had been clear about how UPG-reliant the material is (because there's **nothing** wrong with UPG; we're Pagans, we **should** be using UPG) and if there had been citations within the text (where etymology is discussed, for example, or whose translations were being used) or at **least** a bibliography. I don't doubt the author's scholarship, but I would have liked to have seen his sources. Master of the Runes is a good resource as long as you are reading other material along with it. (I recommend Ralph Elliott's Runes as an excellent primary resource. Elliott, while an academic, isn't as antagonistic to esoteric rune-lore as Page can seem to be. I am also a huge fan of Ann Groa Sheffield's book Long Branches, even though Ms. Sheffield only covers the 16 staff younger futhork.) I don't believe Master of the Runes delivers on its grandiose promise of being one of the most powerful books ever written or that it is the "ultimate guide to the Elder Futhark in German context." Reading this book will not turn anyone into a "rune

master" -- only years of study and hard work can do that. There are no short cuts, and no book could live up to these claims. We absolutely do **not** know why the runes are ordered the way they are. We know the order must have been important, but we can only guess why the original rune makers chose it. The author makes some ***very*** good points and gives the reader much to ponder and meditate on, but there is no such thing as an "official handbook to learning the runes" unless of course one is teaching a class and this is their handbook. There are only different interpretations of the runes based on some combination of scholarship and UPG. While finding the author's personal insights into the runes and rune-order extremely worthwhile, I wish he would have presented them with citations (where applicable), a bibliography, and a bit less grandiosity at the outset.

I was looking for a book on the runes and came across this one. The author does a really good job in describing the runes and relating them to the bigger picture of Norse Mythology. I learned a lot more in this book than some of the other rune books out there. Overall this is a fantastic book with some fantastic artwork as well.

This was a gift for my nephew, he is very satisfied.

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