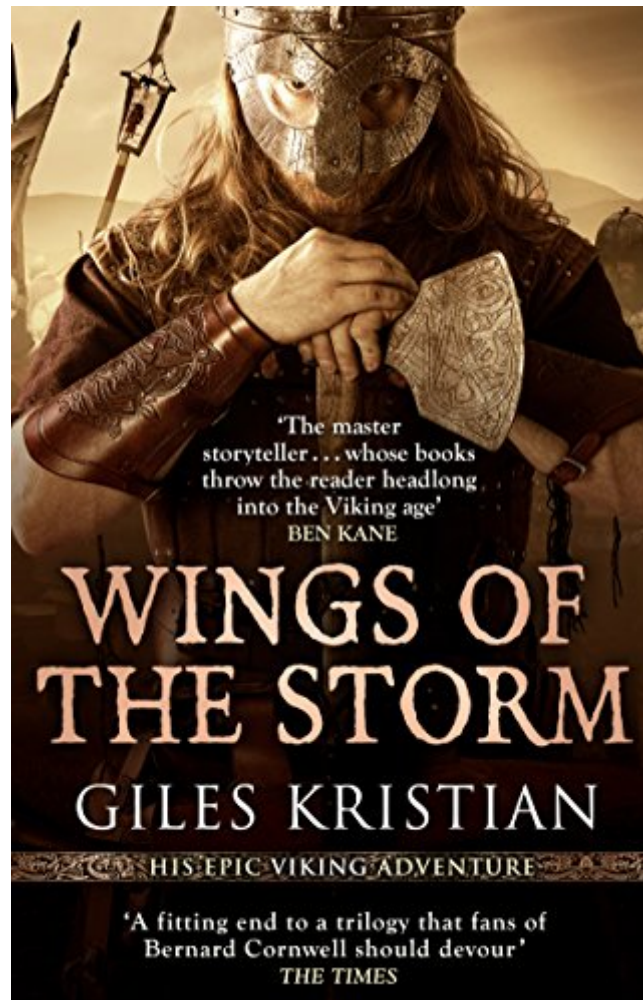




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Sigurd and his wolves, at the service of Dane warlord Alrik, find themselves besieged by Alrik's nemesis Guthrum. Surviving the siege, surly capture, and bloody sacrifice to the gods, Sigurd continues to follow his Odin-favored fate by turning foes into allies and raising a powerful warband to challenge the oath-breaker King Gorm Shieldshaker himself. The final confrontation is a savage affair with no quarters given, and ends Sigurd's saga as it began, in blood and gore. Both Sigurd and Runa come of age in this 3rd volume of the trilogy, rising to the Norns' challenges despite grievous wounds, bitter setbacks and the loss of faithful comrades. Set in a very genuine medieval Scandinavian setting, peppered with raw humor and bloodthirsty feuds, the serpentine story showcases the brotherhood of warriors in desperate times, the grim toll of faithful oaths, and the decisive value of sly cunning over brutal brawn. This Viking trilogy is my first read of Giles Kristian and has won me over as a fan!

The Sigurd tales may come to an end here, but I hope not. Great writing and wonderful story. I always get lost in the Viking world created by Giles Kristian. I will always buy anything else Giles Kristian writes.

Read the Raven series previously and while I liked them very well, I like this series even better. Giving me background on how the "Raven" crew all came together, and combining that with good writing, very good characters, and a decent plot all make a great book and a great series. The major part of the characters I liked was that many of the supporting characters were well written, they were unique as were their back stories. Many times in these type of books, the main character is written well, but all others blend into a porridge of sameness. In these books, these characters are all unique and that makes it easy to know, follow, identify with, (and occasionally mourn) these other characters as well. Highly recommend.

Giles Kristian knocks one out of the park again! This final (I wish it wasn't) chapter of the Sigurd Haraldson series. It picks up at the fort they just captured and prepares to defend it against an onslaught siege with tons of colorful storylines and well developed characters.

Giles Kristian is one of those writers that has the Billy to take you into the action of his story. Every page is as good as the last and knowing this makes the next chapter even more exciting. The only downside is that the end of the story comes too soon. Great work!

Not as good as Cornwell's Saxon series. The hero and heroine are unlikable; the humor is mere crudity. But the settings and action are palpable. The plot is interesting. I have read the whole series.

This was slam bam fun and mayhem. By far Kristian's best Viking tale and I have read them all. If you enjoyed the first two you will love this one. Sometimes series of novels slip after a book or two not this one.

A great read... well-woven plot lines with superbly detailed and seemingly realistic battle scenes. Only critique is that so few of the "good guys" die that much of the potential tension in the warriors' life is lost. I would prefer a bit more of George RR Martin's willingness to kill favored characters. This trilogy is definitely worth the read.

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