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## **Viking Born Details**

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## From Reader Review Viking Born for online ebook

### Janet Swiftbird says

Willow's character is unique, I loved her and her courage. Seven is my hero, I wish there were real men out there like him, honest, brave, enduring.

You will hang on your seats as you learn about Willow and her past.

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### susan murray says

Won from goodreads

Sven is with his brother on a Viking ship that has been attacked by mermaids. Willow a mermaid comes to the boat Sven asks what she wants they are waiting for her to sing and want to kill her but Sven stops them. The mermaid thanks to Sven later is on the boat but has no tail legs instead and this is where the story really starts.

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### Amy says

Viking Born is a great read and follows Viking for Hire, so that one should be read first. Full of mystery, supernatural, and..... a mermaid? Great stuff!

I really enjoyed this addition to the series and look forward to more to see what happens next. Good, clean, and quick read.

Highly recommended

5 stars.

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### Rachael Slate says

A fast-paced and steamy adventure!

I was a huge fan of Sven in the first book and I was so glad to see him get his own story. Let me tell you, the sexy, brooding Viking did not disappoint!

The author's writing was beautiful, as always, and the world-building details were so cleverly drawn. The plot of the overall story has become so intriguing that I can't wait for the next book in the series. I'm definitely hooked!

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### Shanna says

This is a fast read and I finished it in one day. Even though it was a fast read, I wanted to immediately start reading the next novel to see what happened next. I'm no expert on books, but I did enjoy this story line and characters. Vikings, witches, magic, and romance... can't go wrong! It added more character development of the characters introduced in the first novel.

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## Wendy says

"Viking Born" which I won through Goodreads/First Reads is the second book in a romantic serial that begins when Sven, a skilled navigator returning with his longship to New Dorset becomes entranced by a beautiful mermaid following behind after a mer attack. The story heats up when Willow transforms into a mysterious woman haunted by the past whose destiny not only becomes entwined with Sven, but his adopted brother Eirik the Viking sea captain and his fiancée the witch Branwyn

Into a plot set within a week after the first serial " Viking for Hire" Jo Grafford captures your imagination with mystery, myth, mermaids, Vikings, witches and a ghost. The novella progresses smoothly, tension building with a sudden storm and a ghostly encounter that almost rips the ship apart. With skillful dexterity for such a short story the author reveals the mystery of Willow's past through a ghostly visitation, revealing her magical power and then creatively tying her future not only to Sven but Eirik and Branwyn.

Sven a brooding handsome bo'sun is tough but fair when one of the crew want to kill Willow instead of letting her speak to him. He's considerate and just giving Willow back her conch shell necklace and letting her decide whether to remain on land or go back to the sea. Willow the enigmatic mermaid haunted by the loss of her people is impulsive and rash in her actions, smitten by the sexy Viking she sees when the mer attacked. In a romance that's bold, quick and electric they are swept away, speaking words that bind them together forever. The reader is captivated by the passion, energy and drama of these characters.

" Viking Born" is well-written, but I wish the plot and characters had been further developed. Nevertheless, I liked it and intend to follow this serial further.

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## Nicole Smith says

It's a fast short read that grabs you. It has vikings, mermaids, witches, and other mythical beings. Willow is a mermaid that has set her sights on Sven. Secrets are unearthed about Willow. This book has adventure, passion, and suspense that pull you in with it's magic web.

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## Karen says

Enjoyed it just as much as book one and so glad I found this author and this series is awesome and I can't wait to read book 3. I love how the author combines so many elements to make an interesting and riveting story for us to read.

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## Terri Rochenski says

Another winner by Ms. Grafford!

As with the first, I fell in love with the characters, setting, and slight bit of mystery surrounding our heroine.

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Completely satisfying - BUT I'm wanting the next installment!!!!

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## **Janice says**

A Review of Viking Born by Jo Grafford

Mermaid no more - 5 stars

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This book picks up just after the first book in the series. It is now a week later and Eirik, Branwyn and Sven are still trying to make it to New Dorset. While Sven is watching the heavens and the ocean for any signs of danger, he has another premonition of the storm that is coming. Not just any storm, but

While he is walking between the rowers, helping where needed, he tries to ignore the ghostly specters that he always has to deal with, when a mermaid appears in front of him. He asks her what she wants while holding a dagger to her throat. She says they were forced to be part of the attack on the boat through black magic. When he reaches out to pull her in, she disappears, but not before Sven has detached her conch shell necklace.

I can't say more without spoilers, but you will want to read this series if you like historical books with witches, etc. Another great book in this series. Can hardly wait for the next book to come out.

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\*\*Complimentary Copy provided by Author for an honest review.\*\*

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