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Mel Foster says

"Well. . . you must learn that it is not enough to wish for what you want. You must work to make your wish come true." --Thor

I had this book as a kid and got it out of the library to read with my children (my copy had long since fallen apart.) Strange tales set in pagan Scandinavian culture, some more fairy and some more history.

One can't really discuss this work without mentioning the art. The artist is amazingly talented, the pictures are truly wonderful, and the oversize layout is very visually appealing, but I have some beefs with Federico Santin. First there was the scene in Harald of Trondheim of the boy fighting the goblin with three heads. But the goblin only has one head in the illustration. The boy is described as "hiding in his mother's skirts" but looks to be about 5'5" in the illustrations. Then there was the full page illustration of a viking at the beginning of Eric the Red. But the viking has BLACK hair and a BLACK beard! And finally there was the boy who leaped from a cloud into a rainbow. But there is no rainbow. Why, Mr. Santin, why?

Karen Mardahl says

This is a book from my childhood. I am registering it here because it came up during a book competition elsewhere. This book introduced me to adventures and drama with no holds barred. It made a very deep impression on my when I was a young child so of course I kept it all these years.

(I chose a somewhat random date for when I read this book.)

Adam says

This book had a profound impact on me as a child. The stories and the illustrations still haunt me.
