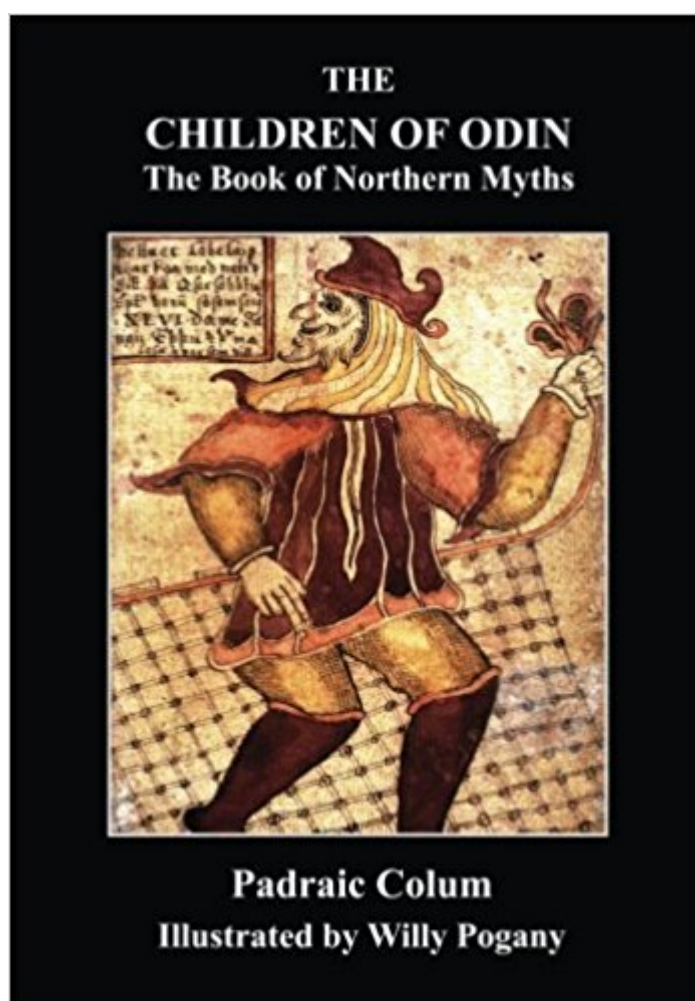


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THE CHILDREN OF ODIN: The Book Of Northern Myths: (Fully Illustrated Edition)



Synopsis

This illustrated edition retains Willy Pogany's original drawings. Master storyteller Padraic Colum's rich, musical voice captures all the magic and majesty of the Norse sagas in his retellings of the adventures of the gods and goddesses who lived in the Northern paradise of Asgard before the dawn of history. Here are the matchless tales of All-Father Odin, who crosses the Rainbow Bridge to walk among men in Midgard and sacrifices his right eye to drink from the Well of Wisdom; of Thor, whose mighty hammer defends Asgard; of Loki, whose mischievous cunning leads him to treachery against the gods; of giants, dragons, dwarfs and Valkyries; and of the terrible last battle that destroyed their world. These ancient stories from Northern Europe, which make up one of the great myth cycles of Western civilization, spring to life in *The Children of Odin*. The late Padraic Colum was a poet, playwright, founder of the *Irish Review* and a leader of the Irish Renaissance, but he is perhaps best known today for his outstanding books for children. He was awarded the Regina Medal in 1961 for his "distinguished contribution to children's literature," honoring works like *The Children's Homer*, *The Golden Fleece* (a Newbery Honor Book), *The Arabian Nights*, *The King of Ireland's Son* and *Roofs of Gold*. (Also available in hardback: 978-1849024983.)

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Padraic Colum (8 December 1881 to 11 January 1972) was an Irish poet, novelist, dramatist, biographer and collector of folklore. He was one of the leading figures of the Celtic Revival. He is perhaps best known today for his outstanding books for children. He was awarded the Regina Medal in 1961 for his "distinguished contribution to children's literature," honoring works like *The*

Children's Homer, The Golden Fleece (a Newbery Honor Book), The Arabian Nights, The King of Ireland's Son and Roofs of Gold.

Just a note. If you're getting the free version available for the Kindle, it DOES NOT contain Willy Pogany's illustrations, even though 's product description still lists him as a contributor. But it is still a great read, especially for free. Written in a very jejune, almost childlike, style. If you like mythology, you will be entertained by this book. As a side, I recommend Edith Hamilton's Mythology for a good primer in both the Greek and Norse myths. Â Mythology

I was an avid reader/studier of Norse mythology when I was a kid, so I picked this title up on a lark. I am SO glad that I did! This is a fairly comprehensive coverage of the old Norse stories, told in a manner that just seems "right" for the subject matter. Reading these stories, it was easy to imagine myself sitting around the smoky fire of a longhouse, hearing one of the "elders" or skalds telling the tales. The language is a little antiquated, so it might not be the best choice if you're trying to introduce younger kids to the Norse myths, but it's fine for the rest of us. Strongly recommended!

Other than Thor and Odin, I had almost no familiarity with Norse mythology, but decided I wanted to learn more about it. This ended up being one of the best introductions to a new mythology that I have ever read. Written as a narrative (rather than a dictionary of mythological beings, which is what you find in most mythology books), you are able to get a much better picture of the Norse pantheon. I got the Kindle version, so there was none of the artwork mentioned in some of the other reviews, but the storytelling is so good, you don't even really need the pictures.

I don't usually do reviews for products that I buy. I read and enjoyed some of the stories in this book as a boy, and now that I have sons of my own, I was looking for a book that would give them the same experience I had. After purchasing this book, I was not disappointed. This book contains what I would call the most widely known stories of Thor, Loki, and Odin, as well as several more obscure stories, like the creation of the world, and how Thor lost and regained Mjolnir. I don't know if it ranks highly as a scholarly book, but it truly has been a pleasure to reread the stories I remember, as well as reading several new ones. Put on your Viking helmet, and get ready to read!

Outstanding

It served well for my daughter to get a feel for Norse mythology. I haven't read it myself, so I am unsure of how suitable its contents are, but it was an easy, quick read for my 10-yr-old

• The Children of Odin •, Book of Northern Myths, by Padraic Colum Such a book is necessarily an eclectic compendium and thus cannot easily be evaluated for a general readership. Mythology of any type is mostly enjoyed for its unique taste of the World and its value must be set by every individual reader. This collection is well done, entertaining and presumably characteristic of the folk stories of the genre.

A book more aimed at younger readers leaving out the gore and such. But for someone who was unfamiliar with the Norse mythos this covers the basics. I was personally hoping for a book with more detail. But it's great if you're going to buy it for a child.

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