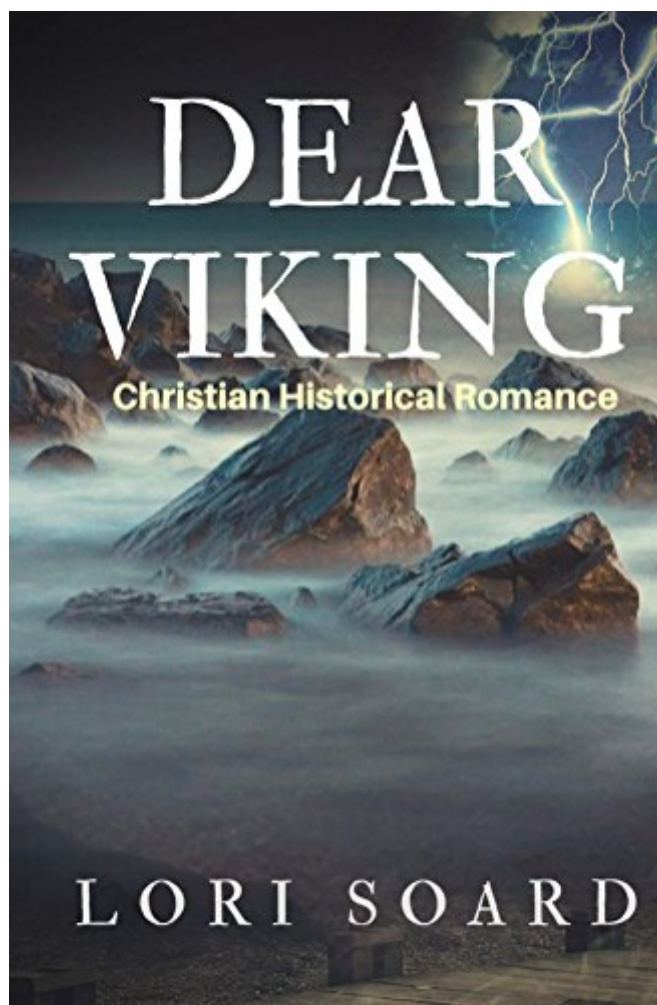


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Dear Viking: Christian Historical Romance Novel



Synopsis

(Viking Romance / Historical Romance / Inspirational Romance / Christian Romance) Rok Erikson comes from a long line of Viking warriors. The tradition of his upbringing, his new Christian faith and the code of honor that says he must protect his family at all costs wage war within him. He and his brothers go on a mission to kill Jarl Van of Colby before the man can make another attempt on their father's life. The code of honor insists that they either kill or be killed, however, there are dark forces at work of which Rok is unaware. Leani is the daughter of the jarl Rok believes is making attempts on his father's life. When the eldest brother reaches her village ahead of Rǎk and the rest of the party, he kills her father and defiles her frail sister. Enraged, and fearing for her own life, Leani drives a silver dagger into his neck. Leani is captured by the vile Eriksons and forced to leave behind her broken sister as they take her to face a trial for killing the Viking who murdered her father. Leani's life hangs in the balance as she struggles with her guilt over taking the life of another and tries to find forgiveness where none should exist. Her faith will be tested to the limits as she fights a growing attraction to her enemy, tries to hide the truth about her identity, uncovers a treachery that runs deep within the Erikson clan, and sees how God can come to your rescue even when all hope seems lost...

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Customer Reviews

This book was very tastefully done for a romance. Each character was wonderfully evolved in the script. I loved the plot. Nothing slow moving here. I would gladly have given it a 5 star for the characters, plot and written skill...with the exception of the typographical errors. There were several. Enough to bother me a bit. Also there were a few errors in the plot as it was unfolding. Without giving too much away..an example of this was when the father was not to be informed of some information and in the following chapter, he suddenly knew and was acting upon the information. Just a few unthought out quirks but all in all an enjoyable read.

I loved this book it, was clean and wholesome and historical. I wished that there was a series because I really liked the families. I would love to read more about their lives.

"Dear Viking" is a great novel to read. I loved the story; could not put this book down. It is filled with romance and adventure, excitement.

Very well written, can't wait for another one! Hopefully not too long! I loved that the author showed the results of jealousy.

I'd been in the mood to read/review another tender Inspiration/Christian romance, so as I usually do I did a genre search and this book's title caught my eye. Naturally, While I knew a little about Charlemagne and his converting pagans to Christianity by the sword, I didn't know anything about the Vikings and their conversion. Ms. Soard did a decent job in researching the historical aspects for her story, because as I found out in doing my own research. Not all Vikings fell into the image we've got in our minds of being fierce pillagers, some were traders. Viking traders noticed they could do better business as a Christian than they could a Viking, so they wore a cross while amongst Christians and Thor's hammer when they weren't, and could practice both religions if they weren't baptized, which had been the practice for a few centuries. And it's this practice of embracing two cultures which brought conflict into Rok Erikson's life and his mind. He must deal with going up against those who are intent to kill his father, yet this doing this would be a transgression of the new Christian faith he's embrace. When his eldest brother winds up killing the man who's

out to kill his father, and violates a frail daughter sexually; another daughter takes a dagger to slay him in revenge and out of fear she might be next. She is forced to leave her ravaged sister behind when she is taken prisoner by Rok's family to face a trial for her living up to her own family's code of honor. Kismet has a way of stepping in and complicating matters as Leani finds herself being increasingly attracted to Rok who doesn't know who she is. Her mind is now in turmoil as she faces a dichotomy in her beliefs, Leani's guilt-ridden with the murder she committed on one hand and desperate to find some non-existing compassion on the other. Ultimately, she realizes how her new-found faith in God can be her salvation when she thought there could be none. The author did a marvelous job in intertwining both the Viking and Christian belief systems and religions. This endeavor by Ms. Soard is sure to pull at your heartstrings even though you might believe you've got none, which is why I've given it the 5 STARS it richly deserves.

Dear Viking is a powerful Christian Historical tale. It's a story filled with a Viking battle, hatred, greed, and a longing for revenge for an attempt on the father's life. Can two people from opposite cultures and beliefs thrown together during the worst of circumstances fall in love? I wasn't sure how the author was going to insert a Christian aspect into a people known to kill without remorse, but was pleasantly surprised at how she handled it. The story line was wonderfully executed. The characters were very well fleshed out and the many layers of their depth became evident as the story progressed. I loved the show of Leani's bravery and unwavering faith in God. She was a beacon of light and very inspiring. RoK Erickson, the next in line to the Viking throne starts to question the Viking ways and his culture. Does he turn his back on tradition? There were some surprising moments. I found myself engaged from the very beginning and couldn't put it down until I had finished it. Dear Viking is a very uplifting story with a happy ending that you would expect from a Christian read. I highly recommend it.

The story opens as Leani murders Rok's brother throwing this Viking couple together in an action and emotion packed romance that explores what being a Christian was like at the time of the Vikings as well as the issues of revenge, justice and forgiveness. Leani and Rok's lives were not easy. They had very difficult things to deal with (family members being killed, being dragged from their home, were they going to be killed and more) which kept me engaged in the story and wanting to know what would happen next and what they would decide to do. This is most definitely a Christian novel and I was very satisfied with how Leani and Rok thought/spoke about their faith

throughout the story. Unfortunately for them, they were mocked at times by those around them who did not share their faith. The gospel message was even presented two times in the story as characters in the story came to salvation. Sex - rape (no description); pregnancy Language - none Violence - murder, Viking battle (not graphic) Religion - most definitely a Christian story (see above)

Wow, this story was surprising, not what I expected at all. The author describes her scenes with the art of a gifted story-teller. Vikings as we have always know, were ferocious warriors bent on destruction with no thought except to plunder and kill. This story does include that aspect and yet it also shows a side of compassion and kindness with the Hero Roc slowly becoming a changed man. The story bears witness to God's forgiveness and love. It also bears truth of the struggle it can be to put aside grudges and let go of anger with hatred. Life is a battle with bad and good at war in human nature. Read the book, and know reality of this in action. A Great love story.

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