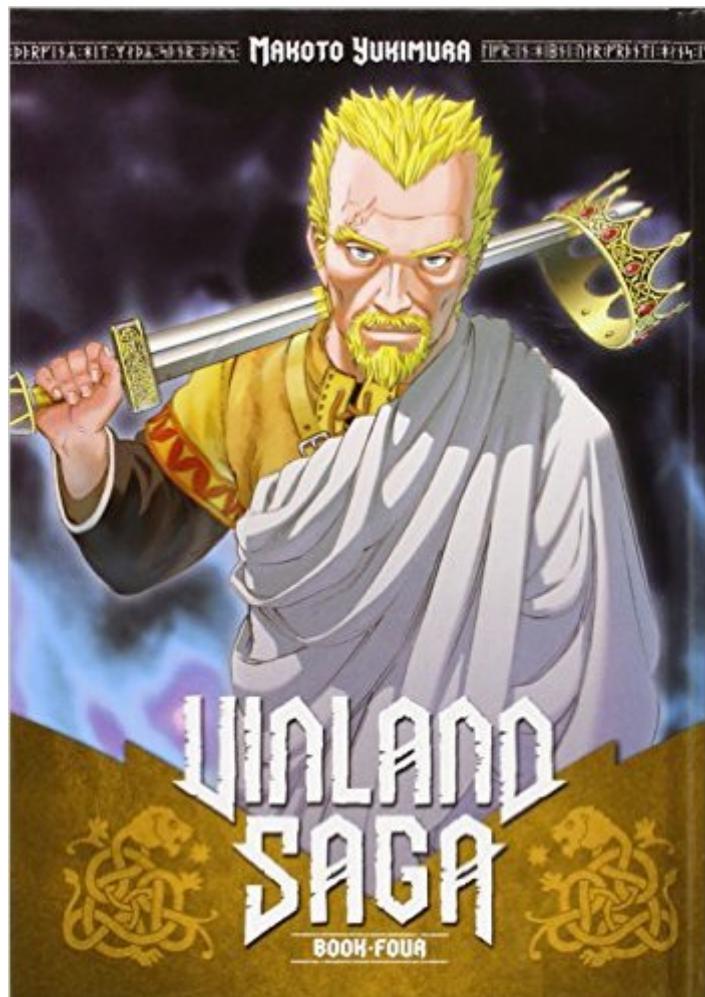


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## Vinland Saga 4



## Synopsis

A KING IS BORN  
Pushed to the brink of despair after his father attempted to have him killed, Prince Canute has experienced an awakening, transforming him from a timid, gentle boy into a clear-eyed man with the heart of a king. But a king needs a crown, and Canute now knows that nothing will be given to him. If he wants to rule, he will have to prove his ruthlessness with a plot that will change the fate of the kingdom and spatter the throne with blood! Meanwhile, Thorfinn watches events unfold that could steal away the vengeance he has waited so long to achieve. |

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This omnibus collects volumes 7 and 8 of Vinland Saga (as originally published). Vinland Saga is an intricate story that has been building to events in this collection. Don't start here - go back to the beginning. Rarely have I encountered an author so adept at yanking the rug out from under the reader. Yukimura's wonderfully layered viking epic reaches a crescendo late in this omnibus in a chapter intriguingly titled "End of the Prologue." Several assumptions regarding what the manga was about at its core and where it was going are upended in dramatic fashion as the political conflicts of Prince Canute and King Sweyn flare. The intrigue and action are perfectly balanced to drive the story and engage the reader without losing any momentum or impact. Harsh realities and brilliant twists lie in every chapter. Askeladd's schemes based around his uncanny ability to read people are particularly fascinating, and provide a tremendous anchor for major developments to branch out of. The omnibus ends with a new direction that looks to be every bit as riveting as what

came before. Simply put - there hasn't been a single misstep in eight volumes of dense, powerful storytelling and I can't wait for more. Highest possible recommendation.

The Ultimate Manga Collection to have if you like Manga. There are very few Manga Authors who nail it like Makoto Yukimura do. I am placing this manga up there with Battle Angel Alita by Yukito Kishiro because of its sheer splendor! Both the art and the story are absolute top-notch, no doubt. I cannot recommend this series enough. And that says a lot because I am very fussy when it comes to giving 5 stars to anything. I suggest starting at volume 1 of course because the story here in volume 4 shifts dramatically. Not spoiling anything, though... But you would not start a book at chapter 4 obviously... So if you are considering getting this story, start at the beginning, you will not regret it one bit. Yes, there is violence, blood and guts but this story portrays an age of conquest, violence and uncertainty. I am blown away by the depth of the characters and I am quite attached to some of them. That is what makes a good story: the characters and where they are taking you on their journey. Vinland Saga is no doubt my top favorite manga right now even beating the epic Attack on Titan though they are not the same, Vinland Saga beats it because of the incredible beauty of the drawings and details in the plots... But this is only my humble opinion, of course.

This is the fourth volume in the Vinland Saga. The fifth volume just published in the US, with the sixth volume set to publish in January 2015. This was the best book yet in this series. I really really enjoyed it. The story takes some pivotal turns. Prince Canute has decided to claim his throne and he will do whatever he has to do so. Thorfinn, Askeladd, and Thorkill have all thrown in their lot with Prince Canute as Prince Canute journeys to face his father. This book continues the story of the Danish invasion of England and the more personal story of Thorfinn's vendetta against Askeladd. This continues to be one of my favorite manga series, it is just such high quality and so well done. The illustration is absolutely stunning and full of wonderful detail. This was one of the most intense and, at times, most hilarious books in this manga series. As with previous books there is a lot of action and fighting. There is also a lot of swearing, rape, gruesome war scenes, etc... so I would recommend for adults only. Askeladd and Thorfinn have a strange relationship. They both seem to need each other but Thorfinn also hates Askeladd, you see this explored more in this book than in any other. I loved that Thorkill was in the book more, he is such a jerk but also really funny... he had me laughing out loud a number of times. This book really is the close of one major storyline and the start of the next. I am incredibly curious to see where this story goes. Overall I loved this book; it was the best in this series so far. The illustration is phenomenal and Yukimura

does such a wonderful job creating an epic and intricate plot that is never hard to follow. Yukimura has also done an excellent job creating characters we actually care about. Highly recommended to all manga fans, this is an exceptional historical manga.

Being a Celtic Folk Artist and a Medieval and Dark Ages History freak I found this to be fantastic and historically correct the art is great minus the magna facial expressions that show from time to time. but it is nice to see a true researcher and historian in action. I was hooked from Vol. 1 , one thing get used to reading the book backwards. Worth your purchase.

I haven't yet read up to this volume yet, but as another review pointed out, it seems there was a bad batch of volume 4 made and is being sold. In my case, the pages are not falling out, but the spine is loose and the binding isn't adhered to the spine backing in any way. This isn't a deal breaker since some omnibus unfortunately end up this way. Truthfully it doesn't matter either way for me, as the pages have no issues, dark ink, thick pages etc. Really enjoy this series so far; pick this up to support this series and get the publisher to bring more volumes to English!

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