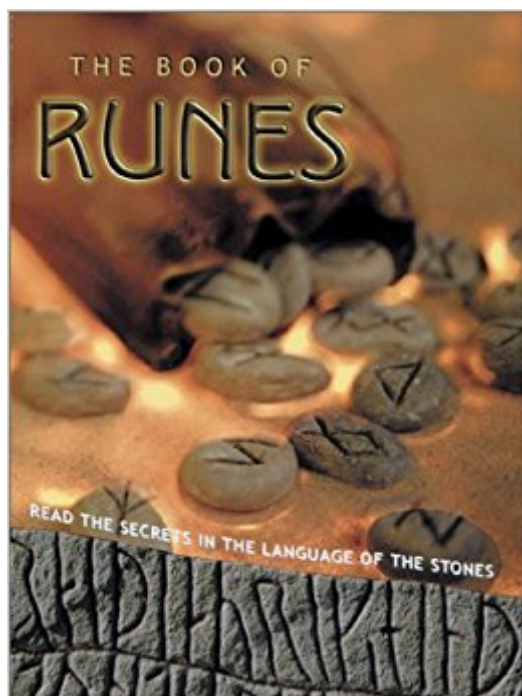


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# The Book Of Runes: Read The Secrets In The Language Of The Stones



## Synopsis

Readers learn to decipher and harness the magic of the ancient Nordic runes! Feogh symbolizes financial gain and status . . . Thorn stands for protection, defense, and caution. These and each of the runic alphabet's many other magic symbols have special meanings all their own. Author Francis Melville presents directions for making amulets and talismans to invoke the power of Norse gods. He describes the method of conducting readings with rune stones to predict future events and bring good fortune. This heavily illustrated volume also presents the history of rune stones, the meaning of the runic alphabet, and the secret symbols attached to each meaning. Rune stones and rune sticks can be purchased from many outlets, but readers who follow the author's instructions can make runes of their own, using any of several different natural materials, including pebbles, wood, and clay. This fascinating collection of ancient magic lore, with instructions for making and reading runes, is complemented with more than 150 vivid, full-color photos and illustrations.

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If you like runes and their meaning, or reading them, or just getting in touch with them and maybe even your Northern European heritage....then this book might be for you. Not a big book, but well done, with great quality paper, pictures and information. I look at it almost everyday. I would recommend for rune enthusiasts!

At a quick glance I liked the book, however it was sent to someone in Afghanistan who has had some background with Runes. As far as I know he is enjoying the book. I believe the book goes into the history of the Runes and shows the symbol for each Rune. The format looked very unique and there were many photos in color. I would say the book is a wonderful introduction to the Runes and their history.

the book arrived in great condition for the price that i paid. very illustrative. gives examples of many different types of runic alphabets. i would definitely recommend this book for people just starting out in rune history and lore.

I was very pleased with this book. Not only did it give the meaning of the Rune stone but also the

history behind them. The illustrations were intricate and colorful.

This book is a simple read, and easily understood. I have read approximately 34 pages currently (i have had the book 1 day, and i am not a heavy reader). There is a lot of information, from Rune origins, how other cultures inspired or used a variation of the runes, a little information on the gods, and good information of the runes!

My son does not speak any foreign language. He does, however; love reading ruins. He has bought several books and can read ruins proficiently. Very impressive.

Great book, very helpful, helped me learn runic and how to make and cast rune stones. i got the book in great shape

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