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*A concise history of medieval
Scandinavia Christianity and
European-style monarchy—the
cross and the scepter—were
introduced to Scandinavia in the*

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tenth century, a development that was to have profound implications for all of Europe. Cross and Scepter is a concise history of the Scandinavian kingdoms from the age of the Vikings to the Reformation, written by

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Scandinavia's leading medieval historian. Sverre Bagge shows how the rise of the three kingdoms not only changed the face of Scandinavia, but also helped make the territorial state the standard political unit in Western Europe. He

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*describes Scandinavia's
momentous conversion to
Christianity and the creation of
church and monarchy there, and
traces how these events
transformed Scandinavian law and
justice, military and administrative*

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organization, social structure, political culture, and the division of power among the king, aristocracy, and common people. Bagge sheds important new light on the reception of Christianity and European learning in Scandinavia, and on

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Scandinavian history writing, philosophy, political thought, and courtly culture. He looks at the reception of European impulses and their adaptation to Scandinavian conditions, and examines the relationship of the three kingdoms to

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each other and the rest of Europe, paying special attention to the inter-Scandinavian unions and their consequences for the concept of government and the division of power. Cross and Scepter provides an essential introduction to

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Scandinavian medieval history for scholars and general readers alike, offering vital new insights into state formation and cultural change in Europe.

Descriptions of emigrants from 1852-1890.

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*NAMED THE #1 BEST BOOK OF
THE YEAR BY THE CHRISTIAN
SCIENCE MONITOR, A WITTY,
INFORMATIVE, AND POPULAR
TRAVELOGUE ABOUT THE
SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES
AND HOW THEY MAY NOT BE AS*

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*HAPPY OR AS PERFECT AS WE
ASSUME* Journalist Michael Booth
has lived among the Scandinavians
for more than ten years, and he has
grown increasingly frustrated with
the rose-tinted view of this part of
the world offered up by the Western

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media. In this timely book he leaves his adopted home of Denmark and embarks on a journey through all five of the Nordic countries to discover who these curious tribes are, the secrets of their success, and, most intriguing of all, what they

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think of one another. Why are the Danes so happy, despite having the highest taxes? Do the Finns really have the best education system? Are the Icelanders as feral as they sometimes appear? How are the Norwegians spending their fantastic

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oil wealth? And why do all of them hate the Swedes? In The Almost Nearly Perfect People Michael Booth explains who the Scandinavians are, how they differ and why, and what their quirks and foibles are, and he explores why

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these societies have become so successful and models for the world. Along the way a more nuanced, often darker picture emerges of a region plagued by taboos, characterized by suffocating parochialism, and populated by

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extremists of various shades. They may very well be almost nearly perfect, but it isn't easy being Scandinavian.

Being a History of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway ... with Illustrations of Their Natural History

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*Being a History of Denmark,
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An Encyclopedia
The Rise of the Scandinavian
Kingdoms from the Vikings to the*

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Reformation

The Nordic Model

Although occupied only relatively briefly in the long span of world prehistory, Scandinavia is an extraordinary laboratory for investigating past human societies.

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The area was essentially unoccupied until the end of the last Ice Age when the melting of huge ice sheets left behind a fresh, barren land surface, which was eventually covered by flora and fauna. The first humans did not

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arrive until sometime after 13,500 BCE. The prehistoric remains of human activity in Scandinavia - much of it remarkably preserved in its bogs, lakes, and fjords - have given archaeologists a richly detailed portrait of the evolution of

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human society. In this book, Doug Price provides an archaeological history of Scandinavia—a land mass comprising the modern countries of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway—from the arrival of the first humans after the last Ice Age to the end of

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the Viking period, ca. AD 1050.

Constructed similarly to the author's previous book, Europe before Rome, Ancient

Scandinavia provides overviews of each prehistoric epoch followed by detailed, illustrative examples from

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the archaeological record. An engrossing and comprehensive picture emerges of change across the millennia, as human society evolves from small bands of hunter-gatherers to large farming communities to the complex warrior

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cultures of the Bronze and Iron Ages, which culminated in the spectacular rise of the Vikings. The material evidence of these past societies - arrowheads from reindeer hunts, megalithic tombs, rock art, beautifully wrought

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weaponry, Viking warships - give vivid testimony to the ancient humans who once called home this often unforgiving edge of the inhabitable world.

A history of Scandinavia looks at the unique political, cultural, and

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economic development of the five countries as well as the factors which have unified the geographic region since Viking times

Scandinavia is the epitome of cool: we fill our homes with Nordic furniture; we envy their humane

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social welfare system and their healthy outdoor lifestyle; we glut ourselves on their crime fiction; even their strangely attractive melancholia seems to express a stoic, commonsensical acceptance of life's vicissitudes. But how valid

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is this outsider's view of
Scandinavia, and how accurate our
picture of life in Scandinavia today?
Scandinavians follows a
chronological progression across
the Northern centuries: the Vendel
era of Swedish prehistory; the age

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of the Vikings; the Christian conversions of Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Iceland; the unified Scandinavian state of the late Middle Ages; the sea-change of the Reformation; the kingdom of Denmark-Norway; King Gustav

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Adolphus and the age of Sweden's greatness; the cultural golden age of Ibsen, Strindberg and Munch; the impact of the Second World War; Scandinavia's postwar social democratic nirvana; and the terror attacks of Anders Behring Breivik.

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Scandinavians is also a personal investigation, with award-winning author Robert Ferguson as the ideal companion as he explores wide-ranging topics such as the power and mystique of Scandinavian women, from the

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Valkyries to the Vikings; from Nora and Hedda to Garbo and Bergman. This digressive technique is familiar from the writings of W. G. Sebald, and in Ferguson's hands it is deployed with particular felicity, accessibility, and deftness, richly

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illuminating our understanding of modern Scandinavia, its society, politics, culture, and temperament. Being a History of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway : Comprehending a Description of These Countries, an Account of the

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Mythology, Government, Laws,
Manners, and Institutions of the
Early Inhabitants, and of the
Present State of Society, Religion,
Literature, Arts, and Commerce.
With Illustrations of Their Natural
History

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The Complete History of
Scandinavia

Norway, Sweden, Denmark,
Finland, and Iceland
Scandinavians

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This study is among the first works in English to comprehensively address the Scandinavian First World War experience in the larger international context of the war. It

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surveys the complex relationship between the belligerent great powers and Northern Europe's neutral small states in times of crisis and war. The book's overreaching

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rationale draws upon three
underlying conceptual
fields: neutrality and
international law,
hegemony and great power
politics as well as
diplomacy and policy-

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making of small states in the international arena. From a variety of angles, it examines the question of how neutrality was understood and perceived, negotiated and dealt with

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both among the Scandinavian states and the belligerent major powers, especially Britain, Germany and Russia. For a long time, the experience of neutral

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countries during the First World War was seen as marginal, and was overshadowed by the experiences of occupation and collaboration brought about by the Second World

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War. In this book, Jonas demonstrates how this perception has changed, with neutrality becoming an integral part of the multiple narratives of the First World War. It is an

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important contribution to
the international history
of the First World War,
cultural-historically
influenced approaches to
diplomatic history and the
growing area of neutrality

File Type PDF A History Of Scandinavia Norway Sweden Denmark Finland And Iceland studies.

The literature of
Scandinavia is amazingly
rich and varied,
consisting of the works
produced by the countries
of Denmark, Norway,

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Sweden, Finland and
Iceland, and stretching
from the ancient Norse
Sagas to the present day.
While much of it is
unknown outside of the
region, some has gained

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worldwide popularity,
including the fairy tales
of Hans Christian
Andersen, the stories of
Isak Dinesen, and the
plays of Henrik Ibsen and
August Strindberg. While

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obviously including the area's most famous works, the Historical Dictionary of Scandinavian Literature and Theater also provides information on lesser known authors and currents

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trends, literary circles
and journals, and
historical background.

This is accomplished
through a list of
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introductory essay, a

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bibliography, and several hundred cross-referenced dictionary entries, which together make this reference the most comprehensive and up to date work of its kind

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State Formation in Norway,

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c. 900-1350

Covering Finland, Denmark,
Sweden, Norway, Iceland,
Vikings, and More

***In this seminal work,
Sverre Bagge provides a
detailed account of***

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***Norwegian state
formation in the period
from c. 950 to 1350,
widening his perspective
to include a discussion of
the emergence of the
medieval state and state***

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***formation in the Middle
Ages in general. The
primary objective is to
examine Norway as a
case that may serve to
illuminate some general
problems of European***

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***state formation in the
period, problems related
both to the formation of
the European system of
independent kingdoms
within a common cultural
framework and to the***

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***inner development of
these kingdoms.***

***The volume furthermore
examines the changes
that took place in the
military, social-***

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***economical, ideological,
legal and administrative
fields between the first
formation of the kingdom
and the early fourteenth
century which, according
to common opinion,***

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***represents a peak in the
development of a
Norwegian state. The
volume constitutes a
vivid and compelling feat,
offering a fresh and
innovative approach to***

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***an important chapter in
the history of Norway,
while also casting new
light on developments in
the larger context of
European history.***

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***Sverre Bagge is
Professor of Medieval
History at the Centre for
Medieval Studies at the
University of Bergen.
The study of Scandinavia
has been, and still is,***

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***deeply influenced by the
interpretation of its
earliest history that was
developed in the 19th
century by political, legal,
and literary historians,
archaeologists, and***

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anthropologists.

Scandinavia figured prominently in discussions of early medieval Europe, not only as the homeland of the Vikings, but also as

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***the region in which
Germanic society
remained
uncontaminated by
Christianity and other
influences longer than
anywhere else. In***

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***"Medieval Scandinavia",
Birgit and Peter Sawyer
question assumptions
about early Scandinavian
history, including the
supposed leading role of
free and equal peasants***

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***and their position in
founding churches. They
meticulously trace the
development of
Scandinavia from the
early ninth century
through the second and***

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***third decades of the 16th
century, when rulers of
Scandinavia rejected the
authority of the Papacy
and the attempt to
establish a united
Scandinavian monarchy***

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finally collapsed. The authors include a discussion of medieval history writing and comment on the use of history in the 16th century and modern

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***attitudes to medieval
history which differ in
various parts of
Scandinavia. They
ultimately conclude that
historic Scandinavia held
greater similarities to***

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***other European regions
than has been commonly
supposed. Birgit Sawyer
is one of the founders of
the biennial
interdisciplinary
conferences on women in***

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medieval Scandinavia.

Peter Sawyer's previous books include "Kings and Vikings" and "The Age of the Vikings".

A history of how Norway and Sweden became the

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***envy of the modern world
This is the history of how
two countries on the
northern edge of Europe
built societies in the
twentieth century that
became objects of***

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***inspiration and envy
around the world. Francis
Sejersted, one of
Scandinavia's leading
historians, tells how
Norway and Sweden
achieved a rare feat by***

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***realizing grand visions of
societies that combine
stability, prosperity, and
social welfare. It is a
history that holds many
valuable lessons today,
at a time of renewed***

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***interest in the
Scandinavian model. The
book tells the story of
social democracy from
the separation of Norway
and Sweden in 1905
through the end of the***

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***century, tracing its
development from
revolutionary beginnings
through postwar triumph,
as it became a hegemonic
social order that left its
stamp on every sector of***

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***society, the economy,
welfare, culture,
education, and family.
The book also tells how in
the 1980s, partly in
reaction to the strong
state, a freedom and***

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***rights revolution led to a
partial erosion of social
democracy. Yet despite
the fracturing of
consensus and the many
economic and social
challenges facing Norway***

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***and Sweden today, the
achievement of their
welfare states remains
largely intact.***

***How Scandinavians
Conquered the World
Norway and Sweden in***

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***the Twentieth Century
In Search of the Soul of
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A History of the Migration***

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This volume presents a comprehensive exposition of both the prehistory and medieval history of the whole of Scandinavia. The first part of the volume surveys the prehistoric and historic Scandinavian

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landscape and its natural resources, and tells how man took possession of this landscape, adapting culturally to changing natural conditions and developing various types of community throughout the

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Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages.
The rest - and most
substantial part of the
volume - deals with the
history of Scandinavia from
the Viking Age to the end of
the Scandinavian Middle Ages
(c. 1520). The external

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Viking expansion opened Scandinavia to European influence to a hitherto unknown degree. A Christian church organisation was established, the first towns came into being, and the unification of the three

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medieval kingdoms of
Scandinavia began,
coinciding with the
formation of the unique
Icelandic 'Free State'.
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Ancient and Modern, Vol. 1
of 2: Being a History of

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Denmark, Sweden, and Norway
The design of these volumes
is to furnish the reader
with a succinct history of
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Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.
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foreign, has hitherto

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undertaken to embody the
chronicles of these
countries in a uniform and
connected narrative, so as
to exhibit under one view
the state of government and
society in ancient and
modern times, the condition

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of the inhabitants and the
productions of the soil,
their institutions under
the barbarous ages, and the
progress they have now
attained in literature,
arts, and civilization. The
annals of these contiguous

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nations have often been compiled separately, and in detached portions appearing at distant intervals, but no single work has yet attempted to epitomize the whole in a collected and contemporaneous form. Whether

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the experiment now m shall
prove successful, or in any
degree realize the
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naturally call forth, are
questions that must be left
to the decision of the

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This book seeks to revitalise the somewhat stagnant scholarly debate on Germanic rulership in the first millennium AD. A series of comprehensive chapters combines literary evidence on Scandinavia's

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*polities, kings, and other rulers
with archaeological,
documentary, toponymical,
and linguistic evidence. The
picture that emerges is one of
surprisingly stable rulership
institutions, sites, and myths,*

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*while control of them was
contested between individuals,
dynasties, and polities. While in
the early centuries,
Scandinavia was integrated in
Germanic Europe, profound
societal and cultural changes in*

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6th-century Scandinavia and the Christianisation of Continental and English kingdoms set northern kingship on a different path. The pagan heroic warrior ethos, essential to kingship, was developed and

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refined; only to recur overseas embodied in 9th-10th-century Vikings. Three chapters on a hitherto unknown masonry royal manor at Avaldsnes in western Norway, excavated 2017, concludes this volume

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with discussions of the late-medieval peak of Norwegian kingship and its eventual downfall in the late 14th century. This book's discussions and results are relevant to all scholars and

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students of 1st-millennium

*Germanic kingship, politics,
and societies.*

*From the Vikings to the EU the
Baltic has been a Nordic
Mediterranean, a shared
maritime zone with distinct*

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*patterns of trade, cultural
exchange, and conflict.*

*Covering a thousand years in a
part of the globe where seas
are more connective than land,
Michael North's overview
transforms the way we think*

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*about one of the world's great
waterways.*

*Though marked by certain
geographical, linguistic, and
cultural differences, Denmark,
Finland, Iceland, Norway,
Sweden, and the Faroe Islands*

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*are united by a common bond
and a shared history. This
history comes richly to life in
this up-to-date and thorough
account of modern
Scandinavia. Structuring his
history along the lines of*

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*traditional European
chronology-Renaissance, Early
Modern, Modern, and
Contemporary periods-Byron J.
Nordstrom brings a distinctly
twentieth-century perspective
to his work. He shows how*

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*religions, political ideas,
economic practices, intellectual
movements, and technological
innovations have come to
Scandinavia from abroad only
to be modified and recast in a
uniquely Nordic character.*

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Among the many topics he examines are Gustav II's military reforms, Danish absolutism, the constitutions of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, Scandinavian modern design, management

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*techniques and shopfloor
production strategies, and the
welfare state. Surveying
political, diplomatic, social,
economic, and cultural aspects
of the region's history,
Scandinavia since 1500 is a*

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*comprehensive yet nuanced
portrait of this unique region.*

*A History of Scandinavian
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*From Conversion to
Reformation, Circa 800-1500
Cross and Scepter*

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Medieval Scandinavia

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Scandinavia. Bjornstad discusses the
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Norway, folk costumes of Norway,
crystal art, the Vikings, and more.
A balanced and authoritative account
of the theatrical history of all three*

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Utopia*

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Scandinavia since 1500

The Age of Social Democracy

Denmark, Norway, and Sweden

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*The Cambridge History of
Scandinavia*

Growing up with Swedish
and Norwegian grandparents
with a dash of Danish
thrown in for balance,
Eric Dregni thought

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Scandinavians were perfectly normal. Who doesn't enjoy a good, healthy salad (Jell-O packed with canned fruit, colored marshmallows, and pretzels) or perhaps some

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cod soaked in drain
cleaner as the highlights
of Christmas? Only later
did it dawn on him that
perhaps this was just a
little strange, but by
then it was far too late:

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he was hooked and a dyed-in-the-wool Scandinavian himself. But what does it actually mean to grow up Scandinavian-American or to live with these Norwegians, Swedes, Finns,

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Danes, and Icelanders among us? In *Vikings in the Attic*, Dregni tracks down and explores the significant—and quite often bizarre—historic sites, tales, and

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flashy clothing, shots of

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turpentine for the common cold, and a deep love of rhubarb pie—but also one of poor immigrants living in sod houses while their children attend college, the birth of the co-op

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grandparents told him,
Dregni quickly discovers
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neglected to mention, such
as Swedish egg coffee,
which includes the
eggshell, and Lutheran

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latte, which is Swedish
coffee with ice cream.
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lutefisk, and lusekofter
(lice jacket) sweaters to
reveal the little-known

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