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## Viking Age centers of power in Northern Europe

*Viking Age Aristocratic Residences in Northern Europe* explores the dynamic political and social landscapes of Northern Europe from AD 600 to 1000. This comprehensive volume delves into the aristocratic centres that played a pivotal role in shaping the Viking Age, offering fresh perspectives on royal power, landscape of power, defence, and societal organization. Featuring new archaeological data from major sites like Erritsø, Munkebo Bakke, Birka-Korshamn, Borre, Tinghaug, Rendelsham etc. it challenges traditional views on Viking Age kingdoms and their rulers, proposing a nuanced understanding of itinerant kingship local differences and its impact on local and regional governance.

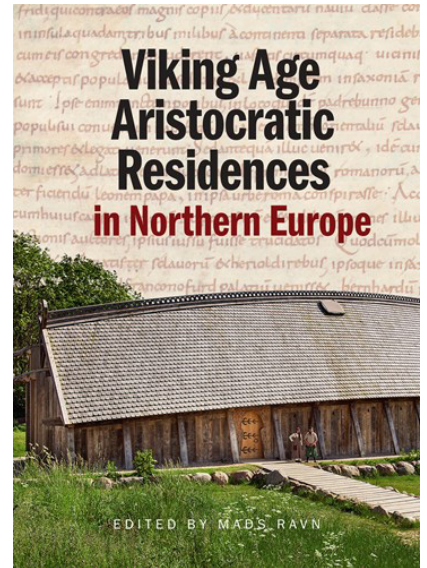
Bringing together leading scholars from across Europe, this anthology uncovers the multifunctionality and strategic importance of these sites, revealing their role not just in local defence but also in the collection of tribute, production of luxury goods, and as centres of political and ritual activities. Drawing parallels with Anglo-Saxon England and the Carolingian Empire, the book widens the concept of aristocratic power in the Viking Age.

This book is an essential read for anyone interested in Viking Age archaeology, medieval history, and the intricate connections between geography, power, and society in Northern Europe.

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