THE VANISHED SETTLERS OF GREENLAND

For 400 years Norse settlers battled to make southern Greenland a new, sustainable home. They strove against gales and winter cold, food shortages, and, in the end, a shifting climate. The remnants they left behind speak of their determination to wrest an existence at the foot of this vast, icy, and challenging wilderness. Yet finally, seemingly suddenly, they vanished and their mysterious disappearance in the fifteenth century has posed a riddle to scholars ever since. What happened to the lost Viking colonists? For centuries people assumed their descendants could still be living, so expeditions went to find them, to no avail. Robert W. Rix tells the gripping story of the missing pioneers, placing their poignant history in the context of cultural discourse and imperial politics. Ranging across fiction, poetry, navigation, reception, and tales of exploration, he expertly delves into one of the most contested questions in the annals of colonisation.

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