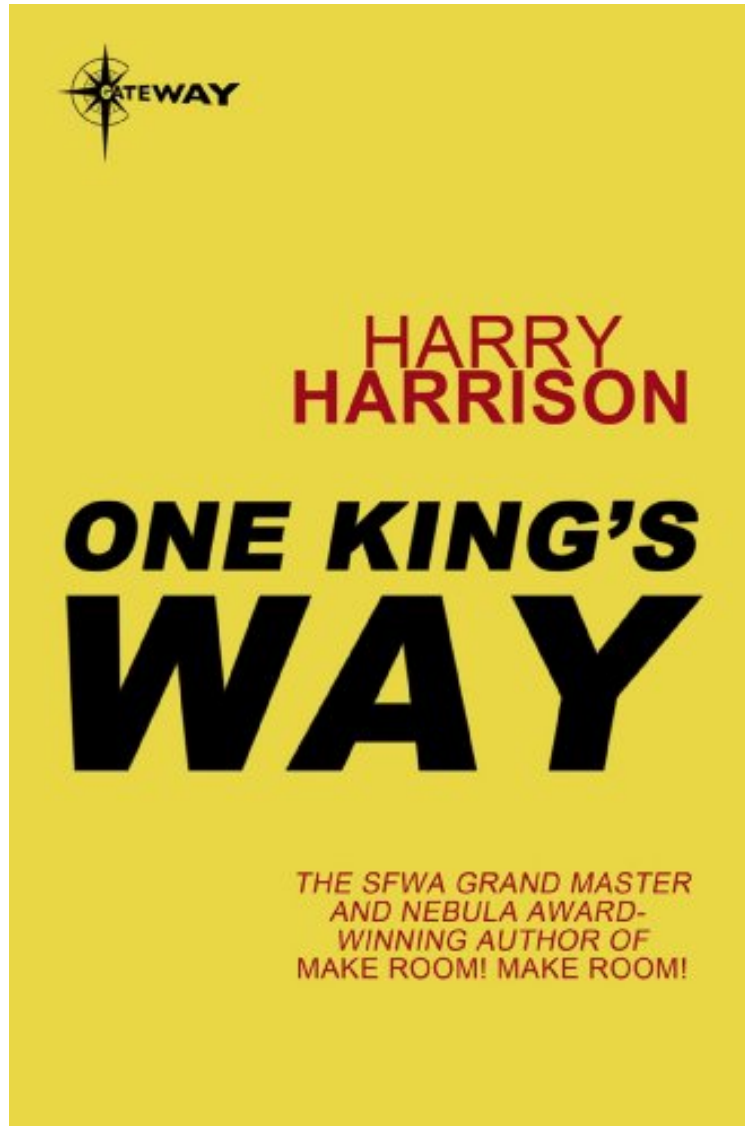


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**Von Harry Harrison : One King's Way (Hammer and the Cross Book 2) (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised One King's Way (Hammer and the Cross Book 2) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A great book, very believable and well constructed.Von Ein KundeThis book is a sequel to The Hammer and the Cross. I have not read the earlier book, but people speak very highly of it, and this sequel deserves just as much praise. It's an alternate history with supernatural elements involving Viking, Christian, and other religions. It is carefully and

intricately constructed with interesting technology developments (for the so-called Dark Ages) and different cultures. I do have a problem with the description on the back jacket of the book (also repeated as the .Com description), because I think it's not at all accurate. The jacket identifies the Knights of the Lance as Shef's chief enemies, but in most of the book his chief enemies are Sigurth Snake-Eye and his brothers. The Knights of the Lance don't play much of a role in this book, though it looks like they will in the next one.

Von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Killer follow-up to an awesome start  
Von Ein Kunde  
After reading "The Hammer and the Cross" I couldn't wait for the second installment. The wait was well worth it. Harrison followed up his truly excellent beginning with an equally impressive and exciting novel. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the characters develop and change over the course of the story. Harrison once again delves into history and presents an exciting "what if" story line. Definate thumbs up!

Von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. super Kundendienst, excellent customer service  
Von Mathilde  
The book arrived later than estimated, so when I complained to worldofbooks, they immediately offered to try again, send me a different book for the same price, or refund my money. None of it was necessary, because the book arrived 4 days later than the estimated date.

Kurzbeschreibung  
It was a changed world. No longer did the black monks of the Christian Church own half of England and extend their deadly domain over their flock. No longer did the murderous Ragnarssons and their Viking hordes ravage the shires unopposed. Now, in the year 867 AD, those who wished to be Christian were free to worship without the heavy yoke of the ever-hungry Church. Those who did not could follow the Asgarth Way, the Norse religion that paid homage to the gods of Asgard: Othin, Thor, Frey...and Rig. Rig, the patron - perhaps the father? - of Shef Sigvarthsson. Whose new weapons and battle strategy had defeated both the battle-hardened Vikings and the Frankish knights of Pope Nicholas' failed Crusade. While enemies plotted, Shef left England by ship, to avoid the wedding of his ally, Alfred of Wessex, to his childhood love, Godive. Shipwrecked on the Frisian Coast he begins a journey that will keep him away from England for months and years, and add more legends to his already myth-shrouded life.

In One King's Way Harry Harrison Continues the story of Shef Sigvarthsson, god-chosen warrior and mystic. From the Vikings of the North Sea to the scheming priests of Germany, from the frozen northern lands to the snow-covered Finnish tundra, he fights his way towards overwhelming kingship. While his supernatural allies and enemies engage in a shadowy battle for his future. This is historical fantasy of the highest order, from a giant of the genre.

From Booklist  
This is the second book (the first is *The Hammer and the Cross* [1993]) of what Harrison seems to be developing into an imposing alternative history saga about a Norse empire in ninth-century England. In it, the Norse ruler, Shef Sigvarthsson, is finding that both Christians and less civilized Norsemen want him dead, that the Norse gods are not as well suited to an established religion as was expected, and that he will need all his statecraft and technical ingenuity to keep the proverbial alligators from biting him, never mind draining the swamp. One of his creations is a huge war fleet, which is to be used for defense but also creates the potential for empire building beyond the Channel. As before, Harrison's pacing, characterization, narrative sweep, and evident research are all impressive, but the preaching against Christianity is a trifle less conspicuous. The latest saga (an apt name in this case) from Harrison's pen promises to be one of his most successful undertakings.

Roland Green  
From Library Journal  
Shef Sigvarthsson, coruler of England, takes the fledgling navy he has chosen to build on a journey of exploration, a journey that brings him into conflict with his long-time Danish enemies as well as the rising power of the Holy Roman Empire. Set in an alternate world in which Viking culture did not fall prey to Christianity, this latest novel by Harrison (*The Stainless Steel Rat Sings the Blues*, LJ 3/15/94) evokes the true spirit of the period falsely termed the Dark Ages. Fascinating details of the various Norse societies provide a rich background for a compelling saga of a hero who rivals Arthur. A good choice for fantasy collections.

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