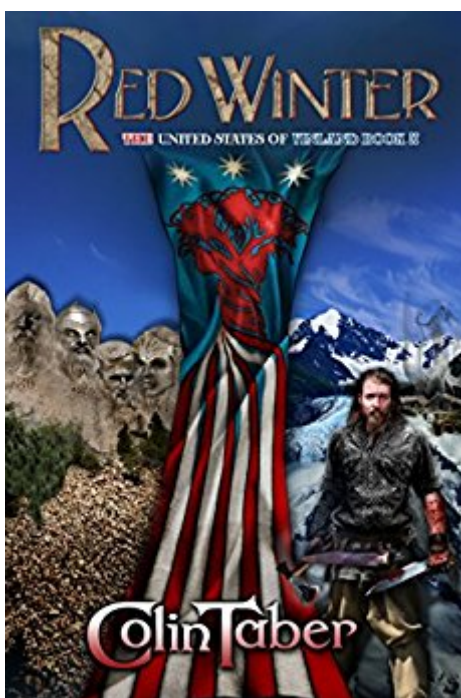


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Over a thousand years ago the Norse reached the Americas, but never stayed. What if they had? Following on from The United States Of Vinland: The Landing comes Red Winter. Eskil's dream of settling the newly discovered lands of the west to honour the Gods is under way. Godsland and Lakeland are no longer alone, as new villages grow and prosper in a world of fjords, valleys, forests and mountains, all of it claimed in the name of Odin. For over twenty years factional rivalries have remained, but the Hall of Wolves and the Hall of Ravens must face a challenge that comes heralded by crying war horns and a horizon stained with smoke. Can the young settlements survive the challenge? But this is not the only trial the Norse of Markland will face. Back across the sea in their peoples ancient homelands there are those who are jealous of the prosperity they see in the west. War is coming to Markland.*The Markland Settlement Trilogy (including separately published short stories) reading order: The United States Of Vinland (USV#1): The Landing A Short Tale From Norse America (ASTFNA#1): Young Ravens & Hidden Blades The United States Of Vinland (USV#2): Red Winter A Short Tale From Norse America (ASTFNA#2): Old Gods (written with permission by L.E. Sheppard) The United States Of Vinland (USV#3): Loki's Rage (2015)

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Customer Reviews

To be completely honest I had eagerly anticipated this book and devoured the first third of it as soon as it downloaded to my Kindle. Unfortunately the viewpoint then shifted to the second main location of the book and I got bogged down in the political intrigue going on in far off Iceland. I ended up putting the book down unfinished meaning to get back to it when I had more mental energy to spend on the intricate machinations of the newly introduced characters. Unfortunately I kind of forgot about the book for over a year, until I got a notice from that the sequel would be published in July 2016, so I dug it out and finished it. Looking back at it now with fresh eyes I enjoyed it and think it is a good addition to the series, but for my taste more focus on Markland is what I am hoping for in the third novel.

I was eagerly awaiting the next addition to the USV family & Red Winter did not disappoint! Mr Taber has a rare talent in that he uses prose to transport the reader into the universe of his creation - in this case an alternate universe where the USA is colonised not by the English, but by the Norse who live a life more closely aligned with the land than the English. There are some minor similarities between early Norse & English settlements but in this the second novel differences and divergences are becoming more obvious. The way in which he uses the cast of characters and the settings to build the tension between not only the rival houses but also the people who remain in Greenland is outstanding. And ofcourse Mr Taber chooses to end the book with an amazing cliffhanger that leaves you begging for more.. for which I am glad as I would be sad to see the end of this series so soon!! If you haven't read the first book in the series I highly recommend it. Then get stuck straight into Red Winter. Hopefully I won't have to wait too long to read the 3rd book in the series!!

The saga continues as old feuds flare; and the plot becomes more twisted. Cultures clash with a high cost in lives. This is a classic tale of good versus evil in a setting that keeps the reader involved; you will long to put on your sword and shield to join the fray. Here's hoping volume 3 is available very soon!

A very interesting concept with endless possibilities. I really enjoyed this book. Another page turner

to keep you up. I could see the similarity of our own actual history involving greed, racism, and the will to succeed against all odds. Now if only I could find the sequel "Loki's Revenge" any ideas ?

I had hoped it would jump generation to generation in stories leading to a modern era in a score of books, but he is still fleshing out the birthplace of a new nation under Asgardian Faith. The character's and story follow the North and South civil war about slavery in a broad example but very intriguing. Can't wait for next book.

Colin Taber certainly ups the action and consequently, the body count, in this, the second USV novel. Some interesting new characters are introduced, each with significant implications for the future of the fledgling colony. Colin writes strong female characters in all of his books - a refreshing change in this genre, and does the same here once again. While the dialogue is occasionally stilted at times, there are enough good action scenes, moments that will actually tug at your heart strings and sufficient new plot threads to lead you nicely into the next book. Looking forward to seeing what comes next.

Good read

This book continues the tale of Vikings colonizing the America's. This story is an excellent story of forging a new home in unknown lands and dealing with your neighbors. Both the Indians and the Vikings have much to offer each other and I cannot wait for the next in the series to see how the colonies progress.

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