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Loneliness is all that Brenna has ever known. She doesn't expect that she will ever even know true companionship, let alone love. People say she was born with the mark of Odin, but Brenna feels it as a curse rather than a blessing. Those who would tell her she is favored by the Allfather are too afraid to look on her; she is apart from her people. Yet she has learned the power of her difference, and turned it to her advantage. She is a shieldmaiden, with a legendary reputation for her valor as well as for her godly gift.

Vali is a giant among his people, well-liked and respected. He is of the Úlfhéðnar, a berserker, one of Odin's own elite warriors, and one of the fiercest and bravest warriors to wield an axe or spear. He is the Storm-Wolf; his strength and ferocity are his gifts from the Allfather.

Fortune threw the two warriors together when they were but children. Fate brings them together again as warriors when two jarls ally for a raid into Estland. Again and again, Vali seeks Brenna out. He sees her; he sees the woman behind the whispers. More than that, he will not look away.

Vali has not forgotten the debt he owes Brenna from their very first meeting, and in seeking his opportunity to repay her, he finds a lonely, beautiful woman whose quiet strength captures his heart.

But the sagas do not sing of warriors who live quiet lives, or of love that does not know trial and tribulation.

Favored by the gods they may be, but that does not protect Brenna and Vali from the simple and devastating hardships of their lives. Their reputations cannot help them. It is their love that must become their legend.

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Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

[her proven propensity to kill off main characters AFTER their own book HEA (hide spoiler)]

Jamie says

Loved this!!! If you are a fan of the TV show Vikings, you will love this as well. 5 Stars!!!

Elizabeth says

★ 4.5 Stars ★

"We save each other. We are destined for it, I believe."

God's Eye is the first book in the Northwomen Sagas. Written by one of my favorite authors of all time, Susan Fanetti, this read offers complex characters, an intricate plot, and a passionate, yet tender, romance set in a realistic and raw Viking world. In short, Fanetti delivers another unforgettable read that is sure to please.

"She will have her revenge. And I mine."

Brenna has always been different. Some say she is cursed and some say she is blessed with the "mark of Odin." She has a unique eye and has lived her life as an outcast. Although some revere her, she is most feared by those around her. Learning to battle alongside her Viking brothers, she has become a ruthless fighter and protector. And although she has become a respected warrior, she is still alone.

Vali, a mighty Viking soldier, remembers meeting Brenna when he was a young child. When the gods bring them together again as adults, he will stop at nothing to have her by his side. Brenna is naive in the ways of the world and hesitant to let Vali in. Vali and Brenna come from different tribes, and their relationship is only secure as long as both of the tribes continue to live in harmony. As Brenna and Vali navigate their relationship through hardships and joy, both face terrible losses and yet experience beauty as they have never felt before.

"I want to see your breasts, wife. I want to see you make them tight with pleasure."

Told in dual POV, **God's Eye** is full of action, suspense, and a breathtaking love story. The journey these characters make together is full of pain and pleasure. The complicated relationships between friends and foes that exist in the Viking world offers a plethora of conflict for Brenna and Vali to overcome. The in-depth relationships between the characters was a constant reminder of the importance of loyalty in this world. There were certainly moments of despair and yet, as always, Fanetti manages to create utter beauty out of

complete brokenness. I truly enjoyed every minute of Brenna and Vali's journey.

Overall, **God's Eye** would appeal to readers who enjoy action, romance, and VIKINGS!!!! There is certainly a great deal of blood and gore in this read so if you cannot handle the brutality of the Viking culture than I would say take a pass on this one. However, if you are looking for an epic romance that you will never want to end, then look no further. My only regret is that I didn't start this series sooner! Thankfully, there are three more books in this series for me to explore. I applaud Fanetti's brilliant writing skills and her willingness to offer more strong female heroines to inspire and take on the world. Bravo!

*****Northwomen Sagas*****

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Tanja ~ T's Book ~ KT Book Reviews says

Amazing! I need more of these ruff and tumble men!

~IreneOust~ says

DNF.

Victoria says

*****MY FIRST FIVE STAR READ OF 2016!*****

Even those who'd known her from her birth thought there something fantastical about her, something they could not understand. Some thought her a boon, others a bane, but none thought her simply a girl.

I didn't plan to read God's Eye. It wasn't a book on my radar and honestly I've stayed away from Susan Fanetti books since her Signal Bend series pretty much gutted me. As talented a writer as she is, I've been scared. Still, I was curious after reading the blurb for God's Eye. It just sounded so different than her other series or anything I had read recently. So after getting a wild hair, I decided to download a sample and go from there.

As soon as I started, I was hooked. There is just something about this author's writing that really works for me. Fanetti is a fabulous storyteller and that was never more apparent than while reading God's Eye. The romance part of the story was lovely in a very classic way. The meeting between Brenna and Vali when they are younger, the instant connection between the two when they are older, all worked. I loved that Vali was

committed to being Brenna's champion no matter what. I also appreciated that while Brenna didn't understand the connection immediately, she didn't play a lot of games. She was a fierce, brave, and capable heroine and I admired her through to the very end!

"Run from me no more. I want to be with you. If you don't feel as I do, then say it."

Her stunning eyes went wide and dark as their black centers flared open. He held them with his own. "I don't understand you," she whispered.

That was hardly a rejection, not with his challenge in the air between them.

He smiled and released her knee. "So you say. Here I lie, open to you. Let me help you understand."

As much as I loved this story, it was a difficult read at times. The backdrop of this epic romance was often harsh, brutal, and violent. I admit to crying, cringing and at one point, skimming about three paragraphs I really, really didn't want to read. Still, there was never anything I read that made me wish I hadn't picked this up. The story was so different than anything I've read lately, it was so well written, the love story so sweet and romantic, it absolutely would have been a shame to miss out on reading this one. I'm anxiously awaiting the next book in the series and can't wait to get my hands on it!

(view spoiler)

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Bev says

God's Eye blew my mind. I admit to holding back on reading this because I know Ms. Fanetti doesn't pull any punches and is not afraid to gut me but curiosity got the better of me, and I'm so glad I caved. This was one epic journey of love, brutality, discovery, acceptance, fighting back - ugh I could go on and on.

Brenna and Vali have become two of my all time favourite characters. How he broke down her walls and got "in" there was awesome to read. You know that hearts and flowers saying "my heart sighed"? Welp, mine did - over and over with just how phenomenal Vali was with Brenna. There was no ex drama, no pushing and pulling, no unnecessary drama. Instead I got the most gorgeous love story and romance woven into this story.

I cringed a few times, the gore got a bit brutal in places but I seriously couldn't put the book down.

A truly fantastic read I am so glad I didn't pass on, and one of my favourites for 2016.

Sivutha says

5 Finding Their Home Stars

Susan Fanetti literally threw me off with this book!! I frickin love it and I'm looking forward to the next book in this series.

Brenna is shunned by her people since she is known Brenna, Eyes of the God. Well her title saved a little boy from his abusive father. Then years later Brenna became a Shieldmaiden.

Vali is a berserker/warrior and he is super strong. While raiding a village, he helped another warrior and guess who he saved.....

So our story begins.....

“He touched his forehead to hers. “You hold my heart in yours. Keep it well.”

“His magnificent wife cupped his face in her hands and beamed up at him. “You are my home, Vali. I need no other.”

Erika (OwlwaysReading) says

Expectations Some killing, mild gore, minimal violence, low angst, prominent romance with Viking undertones

Guess again...

Reality Descriptive gore, tons of violent encounters, lots of angst, great romance with real world Viking problems! I couldn't be happier :D

What an exhilarating read! I loved Brenna God's-Eye and Vali Storm-Wolf equally, which is rare. Normally, I find myself predominantly drawn to one MC. Both were equally strong alpha characters, who had opposing personality traits. Brenna was a loner, due to her offensive “God's Eye,” while Vali was the sociable leader. Brenna, having been used to being ostracized, was gradually brought out of her hardened shell and taught real love and acceptance by Vali. He was absolutely amazing, and I can't give his character enough praise.

While the gore, romance, and tyranny found in *Braveheart* ^^^ remind me of this book, don't freak, because neither the H nor h die. They get a HEA and then some. I truly enjoyed Susan Fanetti's Viking World, and

hope to read more soon ;)

Overall Rating → 5 “*Make me see our stars*” STARS

Price is Right? → (view spoiler)

Love Triangle? → (view spoiler)

Cheating? → (view spoiler)

Angst Level: High, Medium, Low → (view spoiler)

Heat/Language Level: Rated G, PG, PG-13, R, NC-17 → (view spoiler)

HEA? → (view spoiler)

Page Turner? → Vikings, Shieldmaiden, violence, an amazing Hero, tolerable angst = no brainer (just in case you need to hear/see it... YES! It was a page turner)

Would I recommend? → YES! As long as you aren't looking for a low angst, simple, no-brainer read.

Would I re-read? → Yes, but I need to recover. That was a wild ride, and I don't think my heart could endure another adventure like that right off the bat.

Would I read more from this author? → YES! I've been curious about this author for some time now.

Although she has done (I've heard) some shifty things in the past like (view spoiler), I think she is worth the risk. I'll tread carefully though by using others as guinea pigs (AKA raiding reviews and spoilers)

Safety Gang Spoilery Info

Rape? → (view spoiler)

Pregnancy? → (view spoiler)

Stacie says

5+ "Brutal, Heartbreaking, Beautiful Love Story" Stars!!!

When I started this book, I was very afraid. I mean Susan Fanetti scares the "It's only a book" right out of me. But God's Eye was recommended by a GR friend that said it reminded her of The Golden Dynasty. Well, she had me at TGD plus I liked the television show VIKINGS so I decided to give it a go. I am SO glad I did. It is not so much like TGD except in the brutality of the warriors, but I loved it.

This story is just that. Brutal. At times, so much so, it is hard to read. But even more than that, this is a story of strength, of survival, and the most beautiful of love stories.

Brennan and Vali have become one of my all-time favorite couples. Their love is so honest and pure. Absolutely beautiful in its simplicity. They were always able to communicate and compromise. They were able to express their True feelings without any games, risk of rejection or insecurity. It was beautiful how they loved each other; the reason why I read romance book after romance book. Searching for this swooney feeling. Their love for each other is what compelled me to keep reading through the rough times of the story.

Brennan was the ultimate warrior woman. This girl has my utmost respect. Her strength, not only physical, but her strength of spirit was amazing. She blew me away. Definitely one of my favorite female characters. She was as much a hero as Vali.

Vail was unequal in his strength and skill as a warrior, but what made me fall absolutely in-love with Vali was his gentleness with Brena. Just thinking about him makes my heart swoon. As fierce, relentless and brutal as he was on the battlefield; he was gentle, patient, tender, and simply kind with Brena. #hearteyedsigh

This book was everything I was looking for in a read right now. It was dark and ugly at times, so much so that my stomach hurt from clenching and my heart was in my throat. But the love and the light between Brena and Vali made my heart swoon. It shined so brightly it made the dark worth the journey to the lasting light. My favorite so far for 2016!! Highly recommended! Happy reading!!!

Kate says

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They met when they were children for like 5 minutes i would say, i think they were about 12 (?). Then they met again as adults.

Heroine is virgin, never kissed before.

Hero isnt with anyone after they met again. Heroine is not his first virgin (its just briefly mentioned), i didnt like it, but i could understand since its Vikings book. We dont get any details on his sexual past.

No OW or OM at all.

No cheating.

There is death of a child, violence, torture, attempted rape.

Kim Bailey says

Historical romance lover? Vikings are HERE!

Can I speak honestly for a moment?

I was so uncertain about what to expect going into this book. I am not a big fan of Vikings ... not that I have anything against them - I've just never had an overwhelming interest in them before now ... so, my nerves were high, worrying that I might not fully appreciate this book, based on the subject matter.

Of course, I should have known better.

There are some really intense moments in this book. Full of a lot of action. And all authentic feeling. The history was obviously, really well researched (even though I know very little of it myself - I got the sense

that it was as it should be).

I think what had worried me was that the story would be all dark and brutal history, with little room for romance. But, I've discovered that Vikings are a hell of a lot more romantic than I could have ever imagined.

The heroine, Brenna is easy to connect with. She is strong, independent and fierce. I seriously adored her. And the leading man, Vali ... holy shit! This man is H-O-T. Their romance blossomed a little quickly, but I had to appreciate that once they knew what they wanted, they wasted no time on games or drama. The strong connection with these 2 definitely pulled on my heart-strings.

Kudos once again, Susan Fanetti. Well done!

"You tell a fine tale with pretty words."

TeriLyn says

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5 "It is Brenna's Eye." Stars

Before reading *God's Eye* the facts I knew about Viking culture I could count on one hand. I wanted to fully experience this book as this author is my favorite so I read a book on Norse mythology to get into Viking mode. As usual when I'm through with a Fanetti novel I feel elated to have read her story.

In usual Fanetti fashion her writing grabbed me from the very first page and took me on a brand new kind of reading journey. With a Viking heroine who's a total bad ass, wanting to be seen for who she is and not who people believe her to be and a hero who breaks through her shield to show her he does see the real her, this romance is nothing short of captivating.

Also, in usual Fanetti fashion, it's dark and a bit twisted because you can't live in the good without enduring the bad. Both Brenna and Vali are characters who grow together throughout the book and the journey together. Passion drove them both without remorse both in their personal life together and the feats they accomplished. The writing perfectly reflects that of the time period it represents.

I felt completely invested in this story. Other characters stood out and I can't wait to read their stories and become immersed once again in Fanetti's Viking world.

Amy | Foxy Blogs says

My apologies to, Ms. Fanetti, for the late review and a huge thank you for allowing me to ARC read this gem. I read this book last month and had intended to write my review afterwards but each of my family members got sick. Then, unfortunately, they passed it to me. Once I had recovered my laptop cord broke. So, I was out of the *business of reviewing and blogging* for awhile.

God's Eye is my first experience with Vikings via reading or television. I wasn't sure what to expect going into this book. Ms. Fanetti helped ease her fans into the world of Vikings by sharing on her Facebook author page a daily *Viking fact*.

I love how Ms. Fanetti was able to take a genre that I hadn't read and immerse me into the story. Romance is romance and it doesn't matter if it takes place in modern day or back in the Viking days. The power of love, in this story, drew me in.

Long live the strong women of this series!

Complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review.

Pam Godwin says

Everyone should read this masterpiece. It inspires, horrifies, and pumps the heart with its emotional magic. The storytelling is delicious, the writing evocative and suspenseful. The romance is legendary. The sex scenes are satisfying. The brutality is wonderfully vivid and poignant. This story is perfection. I'm so invested in the characters I won't stop reading until I've finished every book in the series. Highly recommend.
