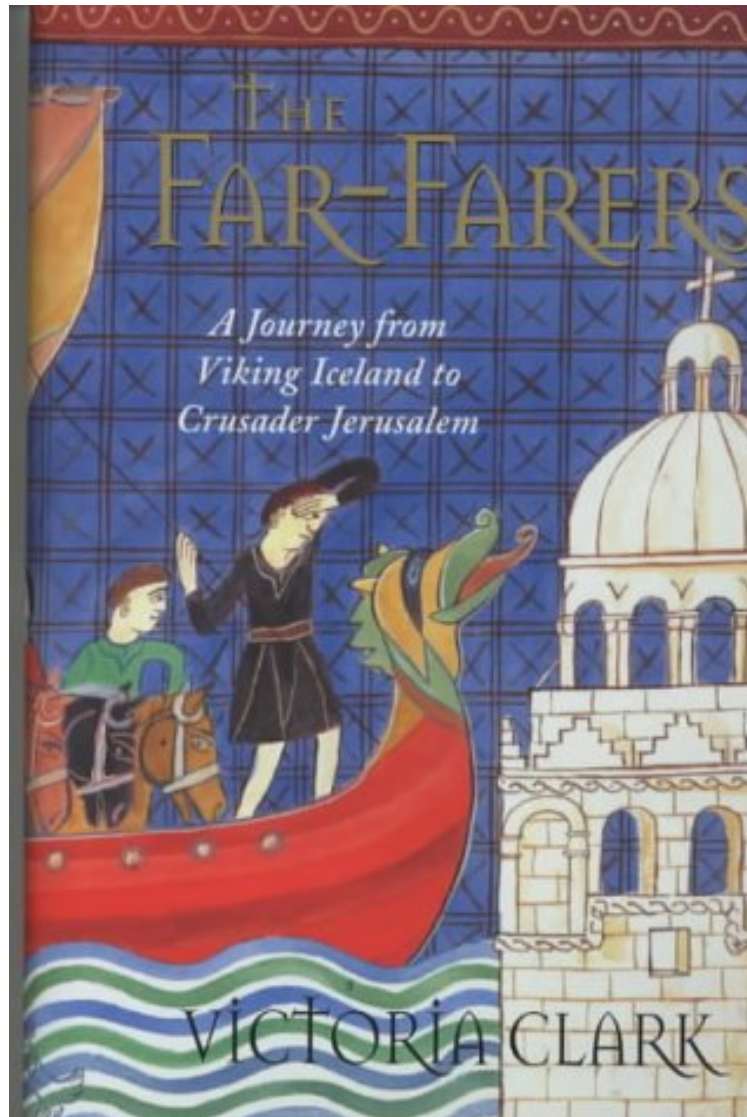


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Fun to readBy Jill MalterI enjoyed Victoria Clark's book, "The Far-Farers." The title is from the name given a Viking who lived ten centuries ago, Thorvald the Far-Farer. And Clark tried

duplicating Thorvald's trip in a way, a little like William Dalrymple did as described in his book "From the Holy Mountain." I read and reviewed Dalrymple's book and I found it way too biased to suit my tastes. And this book is biased as well, although it's not as bad as Dalrymple's. I know that the conversion of Iceland to Christianity, in the year 1000, was under duress. But I still regard it as a great tragedy. Clark regards it as a wise compromise. And I think that's overdoing it. And there's more politics when we get to Jerusalem, where Clark says that the Levantine Arabs have been "paying" for what happened to the Jews in Europe! Well, I think that's preposterous, and it's a little like saying that the Whites in the American South have been "paying" for what happened to the Blacks in Africa. I know that Clark (and Dalrymple) are free to say what they please. And this is Clark's book and she's done just that. Well, it is my review, and I'm saying what I think. On the whole, I found the book, both the modern travelogue and the history behind it, worth reading. But I was put off by some of the bias Clark showed.

Just before the year 1000 AD a young Viking named Thorvald the Far-farer turned his back on the pagan gods of his father to preach the Christian gospel. But his Icelandic countrymen mocked him as a homosexual, stoned him and finally outlawed him. Abandoning his homeland, Thorvald embarked on an epic journey to the golden heart of all medieval world maps - Jerusalem. A 1000 years later, in the year 2000, Victoria Clark embarked on the same journey to discover to what extent the dramatic changes and conflicts sweeping Western Europe a 1000 years ago still resonate today. "The Far-Farers" is both the story of this 21st century journey and a history of 11th century western Christendom.

'A triumph.' John Cornwell
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