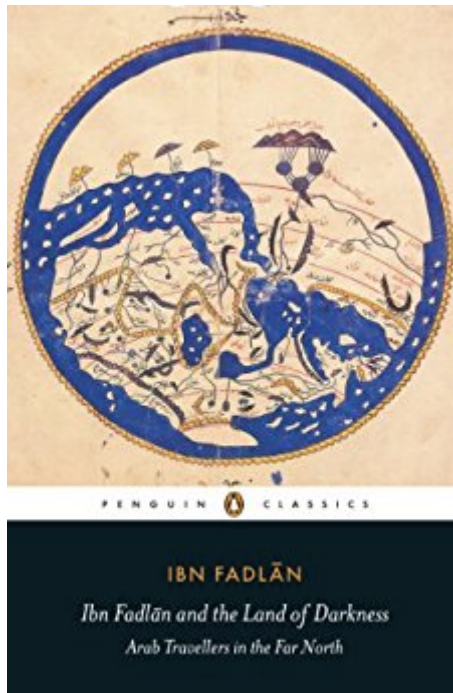


The book was found

# Ibn Fadlan And The Land Of Darkness: Arab Travellers In The Far North (Penguin Classics)



## Synopsis

In 922 AD, an Arab envoy from Baghdad named Ibn Fadlan encountered a party of Viking traders on the upper reaches of the Volga River. In his subsequent report on his mission he gave a meticulous and astonishingly objective description of Viking customs, dress, table manners, religion and sexual practices, as well as the only eyewitness account ever written of a Viking ship cremation. Between the ninth and fourteenth centuries, Arab travellers such as Ibn Fadlan journeyed widely and frequently into the far north, crossing territories that now include Russia, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. Their fascinating accounts describe how the numerous tribes and peoples they encountered traded furs, paid tribute and waged wars. This accessible new translation offers an illuminating insight into the world of the Arab geographers, and the medieval lands of the far north.

## Book Information

File Size: 4965 KB

Print Length: 304 pages

Publisher: Penguin (July 26, 2012)

Publication Date: July 26, 2012

Sold by:Â Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B008DM2MXU

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #287,196 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #53

inÂ Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Nonfiction > Travel > Asia > Russia & Former Soviet Republics  
#65 inÂ Books > Travel > Asia > Russia > General #66 inÂ Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > History  
> Europe > Scandinavia

## Customer Reviews

Most people with any interest in the Vikings have heard of Ibn Fadlan, the Arab traveler who famously witnessed the funeral of a Rus chieftain during a Diplomatic visit to the Bulgars. This short but evocative (and provocative) account was repeated in Michael Crichton's rather silly novel "Eaters of the Dead", and then again (in more fanciful form) in the even sillier film 13th Warrior. Some are

also familiar with some other fragments, such as a more sympathetic account of some Vikings in the trading town of Hedeby. Well, it turns out there are quite a few of these little fragments, almost all of which are collected in this book "Ibn Fadlan and the Land of Darkness", along with other equally interesting accounts of travels by Muslim merchants and diplomats in Northern Europe and Western Central-Asia, among such interesting characters as the Slavs, the mysterious and evocative Khazars (the Worlds only ever Empire of Jewish Turks), the Bulgars, the Magyars, Norsemen and Saxons. Among other things I found interesting it includes the first ever (early 10th Century) account of Prague at a time when I think it was still pagan, (described as a prosperous stone city with very cheap provisions and good quality trade goods) a 10th Century description of Mainz (in which they mention the markets included cloves and ginger from the East Indies) and a first hand account of the then Danish town of Schleswig in which the locals are described as wearing eye-makeup, as well as trips into the far north (the land of darkness) and descriptions of ice skating and dog sleds and other exotica. Maybe the most gripping part was a short but by far the most epic account of a (Rus) Viking raid that I've ever read.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Ibn Fadlan and the Land of Darkness: Arab Travellers in the Far North (Penguin Classics) Sicily: A Literary Guide for Travellers (The I.B.Tauris Literary Guides for Travellers) This Present Darkness/Piercing the Darkness: Piercing the Darkness FAR/AIM 2016: Federal Aviation Regulations/Aeronautical Information Manual (FAR/AIM series) FAR-AMT 2017: Federal Aviation Regulations for Aviation Maintenance Technicians (FAR/AIM series) FAR/AIM 2017: Federal Aviation Regulations / Aeronautical Information Manual (FAR/AIM series) FAR-AMT 2015: Federal Aviation Regulations for Aviation Maintenance Technicians (FAR/AIM series) Political Ascent: Contemporary Islamic Movements In North Africa (State, Culture, and Society in Arab North Africa) Far from the Madding Crowd (Penguin Classics) UNITED ARAB EMIRATES Country Studies: A brief, comprehensive study of United Arab Emirates The Sky Travellers: Journeys in New Guinea 1938-1939 (Miegunyah Press) Travellers' Health: How to stay healthy abroad Monte Cooks World of Darkness (World of Darkness (White Wolf Hardcover)) North of Athabasca: Slave Lake and Mackenzie River Documents of North West Company, 1800-1821 (Rupert's Land Record Society Series) A Land of Ghosts: The Braided Lives of People and the Forest in Far Western ia Antonio Buero Vallejo: In the Burning Darkness (Hispanic Classics) (Aris & Phillips Hispanic Classics) North Korea: The Definitive Guide to Understanding the Hermit Kingdom (history of Korea, division of Korea, real north Korea, escape from North Korea, kim jong un, kim jong il, nuclear weapons) Neotectonics of North America: Decade Map Volume to Accompany the Neotectonic Maps, Part of

the Continent-Scale Maps of North America (Geology of North America) There's a Moose in My Garden: Designing Gardens in Alaska and the Far North Eldorado!: The Archaeology of Gold Mining in the Far North (Historical Archaeology of the American West)

[Dmca](#)