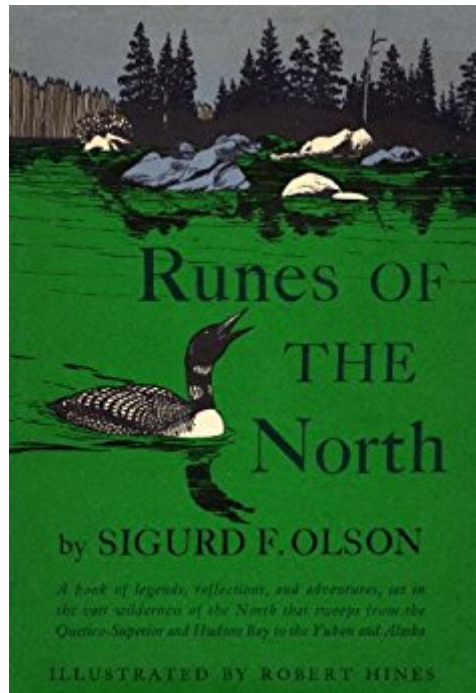




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Synopsis

A rune is, in its general meaning, a tale of magic and mystery. To Sigurd Olson it expresses his feelings about the haunting appeal of the wilderness and of the tales and legends to be found there. His runes are legends, yards, and wilderness reflections drawn from the great northern vastness of Canada and Alaska. Whether he is recounting a charming Indian myth, such as "The Dream Net," or describing the exhilaration of the sauna, the primitive Finnish bath, or sharing the pleasure of digging a spring for a remote lake, *Runes of the North* is divided into two sections: one, "Le Beau Pays," reveals woodland lore of the land of big timber, rushing white water streams, and "lost" lakes of the Canadian border; the other, "Pays d'en Haut," has for the setting of its chapters the wilderness farther north, from Hudson Bay across the Barren Grounds and tundra to the Yukon and Alaska. This new book by the author of *The Singing Wilderness*, *Listening Point*, and *The Lonely Land* will please thousands of readers who have found in him a kindred spirit and a man who puts into words their own deep feelings about nature. Robert Hines's jacket drawing of the loon, symbol of far places, and his atmospheric pen-and-inks of birds, animals, and voyageurs add pictorial appeal to these tales and ruminations of the Big North, ancient, old, and modern.

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Customer Reviews

In preparation for and during a trip to the Upper Midwest, I read this and other Olson collections. Readers who expect a linear exegesis of the Canadian wilderness will be disappointed, since Olson did very little in a linear way. Rather, this is an impressionistic and rambling journey through Olson's experiences north and south of the border. He evokes the world of loons and lakes as no one else can; however, the reader can't help but come away with the impression that he found muskeg and tundra far less interesting, and certainly less visually stunning, than his beloved Quetico-Superior wilderness. There's almost nothing here on people, customs, or other aspects of life in the far Northwest; instead, you're just spending some hours, or days, with Siggy and his Kalevalistic prose. This isn't bad -- in fact, it's pleasurable -- but readers should be aware that the description of this book on is not the book you will actually read.

The best Boundary Waters/Quetico author.... a true land of beauty, mystique, Olson captures this spirit. Worth collecting. Go there, he'll be as good or better than all your pictures come winter.

We have been to Northern Minnesota, where this author has written several books. When you read them, they truly take you to the woods and the lakes of this beautiful area. I am sure that anyone will enjoy reading them but especially if you have had the opportunity to visit this wonderful and untouched area.

Both books arr'd as expected in good condition.

What I expected, thank you very much.

Interesting read, however each chapter is kinda a book of its own. I especially enjoyed the chapter on "Wild Rice" It's my first read of a book by Sigurd Olson. Will read more in the future.

Just an excellent book. Great stories

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