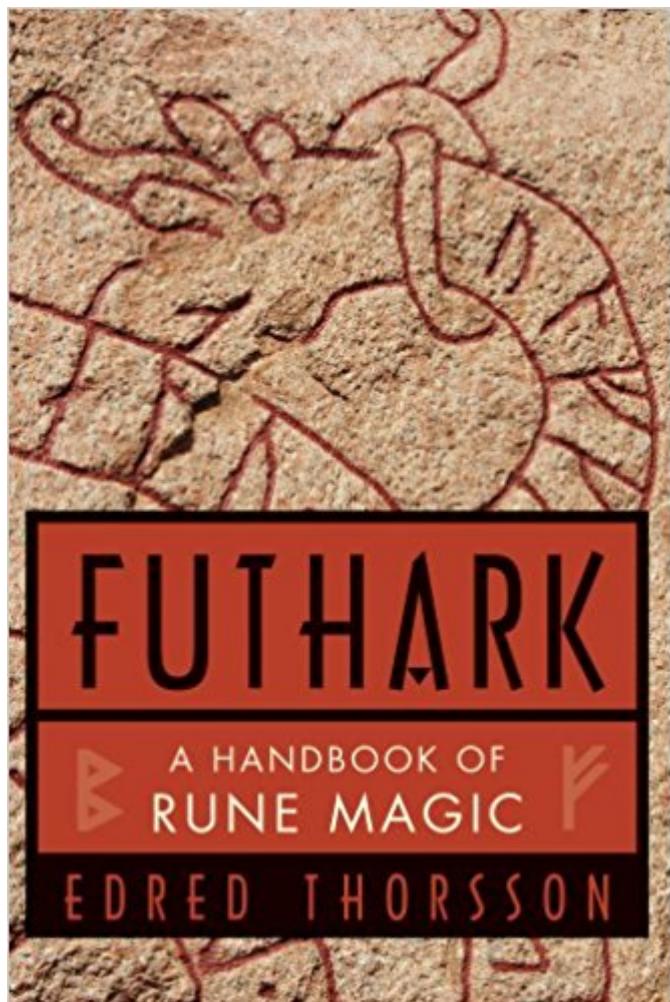


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# Futhark: A Handbook Of Rune Magic



## **Synopsis**

Runes are the ancient Norse alphabet used for communication, divination, and magical work. In Futhark, American runologist Edred Thorsson introduces readers to the 24 runes of the Elder Futhark, their definitions, and mystic properties. The runic system of magic and mysticism is one of the most powerful forms of metaphysical thought available to the Western world. This bestselling classic book on Runes continues to be required reading for those who seek true knowledge of the mystery of the Runes. Thorsson's presentation of this powerful system is lucid and profound and provides a valuable tool for spiritual transformation and self-development.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Edred Thorsson is an American Runologist and proponent of occultism and Germanic mysticism. He received his doctorate in Germanic languages and Medieval Studies from the University of Texas and has published over two dozen on Esoteric Runology. He lives in Texas. Visit him at: [www.runaraven.com](http://www.runaraven.com).

I have always been intrigued by Runes and I own quite a few sets of them. I bought this book because I wanted a deeper insight into the Runes. I have a basic knowledge of their usage as tools for divination, but I wanted to know some of the deeper aspects. This book would be helpful for anyone interested in Runes, but some basic working knowledge of Runes would probably make this book easier to digest. There's a lot of strange words and information! This book is probably not

something to just read casually. But I recommend this to all who feel drawn to the knowledge of the Runes.

I do like his take on the Runic meanings and correspondences. I started out with this book and still refer to it often.

I purchased this book as a reference and to replace a copy I gave away some time ago. It is a good introduction for someone considering working with the Northern Traditions. That being said, it is important to understand that this is not a book about rune divination nor is it by any means a complete overview of Nordic Magick. This book is an excellent launching point and goes well with Thorsson's other books such as Runelore and The Nine Doors of Midland.

What can I say, while it was not the first book written on the Runes in English, it surely set the standard for all future writings thereafter. This is the first of a three book series on Runes. The others are Å Runelore: A Handbook of Esoteric Runology and Å Runecaster's Handbook: The Well of Wyrd. In Thorsson's earlier writings, and Futhark falls under that category, the reader gets an academic quality, albeit, dry writing with historical accuracy; though he does not shy from offering modern ways of approaching the Runes, as he liberally utilizes early 20th century Germanic Rune techniques throughout his book. For the most part Thorsson offers a unique contemporary approach to working with the Runes: everything from numerological Bindrunes, yogic postures and hand gestures, to his protective Hammer Rite. While these and other practices are not directly connected to any ancient Runic practice, they are still very effective. If that is not what you are seeking, then you might want to look elsewhere. Also, if you are looking for a divination book on Runes this isn't the book for you either. Check out his Å Runecaster's Handbook: The Well of Wyrd for that. I like Thorsson for his simplicity, clarity, and generally well-rounded approach to working with the Runes. The fact is, if we were going to base our whole Runic Path on what the Eddas and Sagas have to offer us magically, we pretty much would not be doing much. We have to extract what we can from the original sources and then create our own Path that is not only suitable to our time, environment and personality, but that honors and gives respect to our ancestors who have tread this Path before us. While we can criticize Thorsson's character and Path, we should at the very least give thanks for his efforts in setting a high bar for all future Runologists. He is a serious individual that knows his stuff, and whose helped solidify a Runic vocabulary that we can utilize in our discussions. Futhark might

not be the best book on Runes anymore, but it is still an important read for anyone who wishes to know where many of our Runic practices come from. It is well worth its price.

This book is great. It goes into great detail about the meaning of the different runes, and it also includes positions that you can stand in or do that represent the rune (somewhat like yoga positions). I love the history given behind the runes as well.

Couldn't ask for a better book on Rune Magic. Everything is well organized and clearly explained. The only thing that might be able to improve is listing the pronunciations of certain things, but other than that I highly recommend getting this if you're actually interested in starting rune magic. It's a powerful book I love it.

Excellent book for beginners on the subject. Very concise and informative.

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