Once you read this book, you will no longer consider Norse to be marauding barbarians. Their skills at sustaining life and community are detailed, many, and practicable.

Chieftain Halfdan Ingolfsson is faced with the volatility of his own people's tempers as well as the support or opposition of their Native American neighbors. The author's writing reminds me of the great Mika Waltari, who produced so many detailed historical novels and clearly defined the genre. I found this to be a fascinating read and rated it five hearts.

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