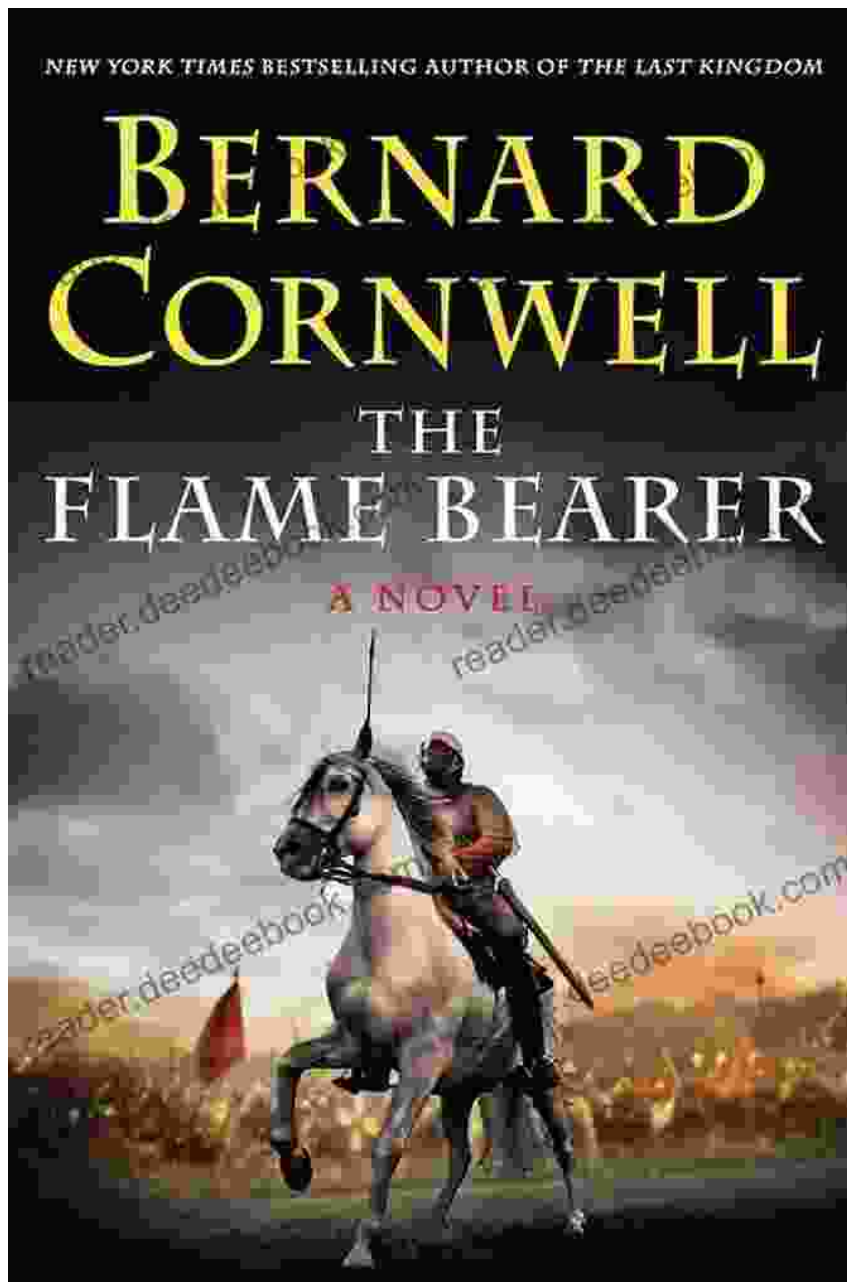


The Flame Bearer: A Journey Through Saxon England



The Flame Bearer (Saxon Tales Book 10) by Bernard Cornwell

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By Bernard Cornwell

The Flame Bearer is the tenth book in the Saxon Tales series by Bernard Cornwell. It follows the story of Uhtred of Bebbanburg, a Saxon warrior who fought against the Danes in the 9th and 10th centuries. The book is set in England during the reign of King Alfred the Great, and it follows Uhtred as he fights to defend his homeland from the Viking invaders.

The Flame Bearer is a gripping and exciting historical novel that brings the world of Saxon England to life. Cornwell's writing is vivid and descriptive, and he creates a cast of characters that are both believable and engaging. The book is full of action and adventure, but it also has a strong emotional core. Uhtred is a complex and flawed character, but he is also a hero who is willing to fight for what he believes in.

The Flame Bearer is a must-read for fans of historical fiction. It is a well-written and exciting novel that will transport you back to the world of Saxon England.

Plot

The Flame Bearer begins in the year 899, with Uhtred of Bebbanburg leading a raid on a Viking camp. The raid is successful, but Uhtred is captured by the Vikings. He is taken to the Viking stronghold of Jorvik, where he is held prisoner for several months. During his captivity, Uhtred learns the Viking language and customs. He also comes to respect the Viking leader, Guthrum.

In 900, Uhtred is released from captivity and returns to Bebbanburg. He finds that his homeland has been ravaged by the Vikings. His father has been killed, and his sister has been taken captive. Uhtred vows to avenge his father's death and to rescue his sister. He sets out on a journey that will take him across England and into the heart of the Viking kingdom.

Along the way, Uhtred meets a variety of characters, including the Saxon king, Alfred the Great; the Viking leader, Guthrum; and the Christian missionary, Asser. Uhtred must learn to navigate the complex world of Saxon politics and Viking warfare. He must also come to terms with his own identity as a Saxon who has been raised by Vikings.

The Flame Bearer is a story of adventure, loyalty, and betrayal. It is a story about the struggle between good and evil. And it is a story about the power of hope.

Characters

- **Uhtred of Bebbanburg:** A Saxon warrior who fought against the Danes in the 9th and 10th centuries.
- **King Alfred the Great:** The Saxon king who united England and defeated the Vikings.

- **Guthrum:** The Viking leader who captured Uhtred and held him prisoner.
- **Asser:** A Christian missionary who helped Uhtred to understand the Christian faith.

Themes

- **The struggle between good and evil**
- **The power of hope**
- **The importance of loyalty**
- **The nature of identity**

Reviews

The Flame Bearer has received critical acclaim from both critics and readers. The book was praised for its well-written prose, its exciting plot, and its complex characters. Many critics compared The Flame Bearer to Cornwell's other historical novels, such as The Last Kingdom and The Pale Horseman. They praised Cornwell for his ability to bring history to life and to create characters that are both believable and engaging.

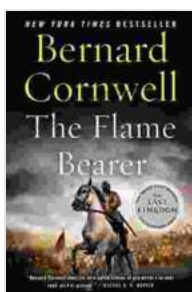
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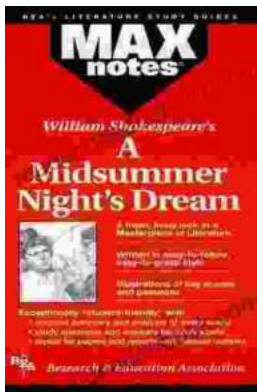
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