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*It started with a secret.*

I make a promise to Paige. I'll never breathe a word. We journey through time to a world of myth and fable, to ancient lands shrouded in mist, ruled by fierce, hulking men.

The land of Vikings.

The harsh beauty of the sea stands in stark contrast to the men who sail the fjords and open waters. Vikings show no mercy. They raid up and down the coast, hungry for land, grain, livestock - and women.

Especially women.

When I return to my world without my friend, my life implodes. The police question me. As the last person seen with Paige, I'm now a suspect in her disappearance. My secret... our secret... It's more than a burden, it's a liability. A risk. Everyone thinks I'm guilty.

Left with no choice, I travel back to the brutal and unforgiving land. I must find Paige. She's the only person who can clear my name.

But instead of finding my friend, Viking raiders find me. Bound and utterly helpless, I'm certain they intend to kill me. But Ragnar, their *Jarl*, a fierce and powerful warrior, makes his intentions clear. I know the instant I feel his touch on my skin.

Ragnar has other plans for me...

**Author's Note:** 'Ragnar' is the second book in the 'Mists of Albion' series.

Book 1: Eirik

Book 2: Ragnar (this book)

Book 3: Ivar

Due to adult situations and language, this series is intended for mature readers.

## Ragnar: A Time Travel Romance Details

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# From Reader Review Ragnar: A Time Travel Romance for online ebook

## B.E.Love says

Have you ever read a book and loved it so much that when the second book comes out you couldn't be any happier but you are also scared to read the next book. Because how could this book be as good, or it(the previous book) was so perfect your just scared the next book won't be because you want it to be as good so badly. Well thats how I felt about this book. I read book one and fell head over heels in love. So much so I contacted the author to ask when book two would be out. Her response was such a kind response and happy day that book two would be out within a few days. I couldn't wait. Literally I can't tell you how happy I was for another book.

I put off reading this book for a few days because I was a little scare(ok more than little) but wanting to read this book won out over my fears or nervousness and I am so happy it did. I loved this book. I was so happy to see who's book this was. We met Emma in book one, she is the best friend of book ones heroine Paige. meeting her in book one I knew she would make a great heroine especially after what she sees and learn in book one. I will also say that I have read one other viking book(I'm pretty sure) but it was so long ago that Vikings were never a theme I was excited about but after these two books I want more Viking books, but really book three in this series more.

Emma came home after she found out paige wasn't crazy and tried to go back to her regular life but being the best friend and the last to see Paige alive has made life more than difficult and the crazy people as well as the cops and the FBI don't seem to be going away. Some think Emma had something to do with Paige, her son and her fathers disappearance but everyone thinks Emma knows something. When it gets to be too much Emma makes a stupid decision, and then to make matters worse trying to right that decision Emma does something that should have been a small decision but it ends up changing Emma's life. Back in the past Emma is put in danger only to be saved by Vikings and one in particular has his sights set on Emma.

Ragnar has never met anyone like Emma, not only is she beautiful and healthy she is also head strong and fearless and not afraid of the things everyone else is. When he see's Emma she catches his eye and soon Ragnar can't think of anything but Emma. The things Emma does that would get others whipped or killed Ragnar loves and wants nothing more than to spend time with this strange girl.

The more time Ragnar and Emma spend together the more Emma likes Ragnar and starts to fall in love which makes Emma's life even more difficult because Emma has to return home. Ragnar's world has changed since he met Emma and though the life of a Viking especially a Jarl isn't simple or easy Ragnar's thoughts revolve around Emma and his love for her as well as the life he wants with her. But Ragnar also knows that Emma has no intention of staying.

I can't lie when I started this book I was so excited and every page and situation I kept thinking ok is this what will take her back to the past. The idea of this series has really gotten my attention, it's different and the characters are great. Ragnar is what you would think a viking would be, strong determined, stubborn, and very possessive. Emma is smart and strong, I love that she doesn't get pushed around but at the same time recognizes that this isn't 2018 and things are different.

Another thing about this book/series is that I love the authors writing style it's very easy to get sucked right into this book(as well as book one) which is exactly what happened to me. I can't wait for book three, and

getting the book blurb just made me even more excited. This is a series that I hope lasts for a very long time because I am no where near ready for it to end.

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### **Diana Woodward says**

#### **A Tail Between Two Times**

As usual the Press and News is trying to destroy a family reputation and there lives. The police just want to say that they solve a case, even if it's a lie. 2 people find each other between times. Looking forward to the next story of this series.

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### **KP says**

[ Emma goes to find Paige in the past for advice & comfort, but when she meets Paige, acts hateful and spiteful. Treats Paige like a total bitch even when Paige treats her like an honored guest. Bitches about having to take a hot bath. Is very condescending with Paiges

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### **Lynn44 says**

This was an amazing read, I was intrigued from the beginning. The story is about Emma and Ragnar. Emma is Paige Renner's best friend and the only one who knows where she really is. Ragnar is a young Viking chief. Descent and strong with the weight of leadership on his shoulders. Emma travels back in time and gets more than she bargained for. She is captured by Vikings but gets rescued by Ragnar. I really enjoyed Emma and Ragnar's story it was emotional and heartwrenching at times. They had amazing chemistry and the love scenes between them was hot. The story was well written and the characters were well developed. This was an amazing read that kept my interest and one that I would highly recommend. Can't wait for the next book in the series. I voluntarily received an advance readers copy for an honest review.

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### **P Leslie says**

\*I voluntarily read this book. All opinions stated are solely my own and no one else's\*

This is the second book in this series therefore, if you haven't read the first book, I would advise doing so.

This was a fantastic time travel romance and I really enjoyed it.

Emma had a fiery spirit and I enjoyed her antics and her sassy mouth. Ragnar was fierce, protective but must importantly, showed his emotions openly to Emma. These two had good chemistry throughout.

The beginning was slow paced but it did pick up. The ending felt very rushed and incomplete.

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## Gladys says

Ragnar is book 2 in the Mists of Albion series and to ensure your full pleasure while reading I highly recommend you read Eirik, book 1 first. This well written book offers a unique and involving plot. It is a book that has plenty of drama, heat and raw emotions. I love how the author takes the time travel romance trope and adds a whole other level by having the heroine have to deal with the emotional, physical and life changing effects that the knowledge takes on her mind, body and life. Emma and Ragnar have great chemistry and the steamy scenes between them are super hot! If you love hot Vikings, are a fan of time travel romances or are just looking for a very good book that offers you something a bit different, I don't think Ragnar will disappoint you. I'm posting an honest, voluntary review after reading an advance copy of this book.

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## Donna says

Did not finish (sadly) at 72%. I skimmed along to the end to get to the HEA so I know how it all turned out. I stopped reading (or caring) because I simply could not abide Emma! I hated her character all the way throughout the book.

There was nothing original in this book. It was basically a mirror copy of the first book, Eirik (the same story with different characters). I would have liked to see something changed up a bit. I understand the third book has a slight twist. The hero from the past goes into the future so I will likely read that one. This one was a disappointment for me, though.

Emma was obnoxious and annoying. I couldn't stand her in the first book so that should have been my clue. In Eirik, she couldn't keep her mouth shut and she blabbed to the press and to the Police so that she got Paige in trouble. Paige ended up in a mental ward because of Emma's big mouth.

I wanted to see more repentance from Emma in this book. I wanted to see her get what was coming to her and maybe have to suffer some. Instead she was still loud and overbearing and couldn't keep quiet. She mouthed off where she shouldn't have, and even after getting beat up by a man in the beginning of the book, she still didn't learn how to keep quiet. Women weren't loud and aggressive in the 9th century.

Why did the hero love her? I honestly still don't know. She was healthier-looking than any 9th century Viking woman (she had nice skin and nice teeth). Her personality was horrible, though. I really liked Ragnar, and I wanted better for him than Emma. Yes, they had a happy ending, but Emma was an awful person. Nothing softened her or made her a sympathetic character. I found myself wishing something terrible would happen to her, and by the 2/3 point of the book, I really didn't care anymore. That was why I skimmed to the ending.

It's a shame. I wanted to like this one a lot more.

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## **Andrea Koopaloop says**

[ but really we have another adult woman- 23- who is having a lot of unprotected sex with a basic stranger in a different time...and what did she think was going to happen if she went back to 2017? She admitted that she saw what happened to Paige, and thought later she could have just sent

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## **Tonya Dzierzon says**

### **Sucks you in like the first!**

I tried to savor each page just like the first book in this series but I blew through it in two days. It's just too good. This is your typical time travel romance novel but its also not.. it's so much more! It's raw and intense and unique and the descriptions of the people and era and culture and the world and time clash the heroine experiences is so well written you find yourself wondering where the heroine begins and you yourself ends. The author doesn't get hung up on superficial details. Her writing is so simple yet so captivating. After completing the book I still cannot tell you if I even recall reading anything detailed about the heroines appearance other than her dark hair. It's almost as if the author allows you to use your imagination and see the heroine through the hero's eyes in small details or better yet, through yourself. It's hard to explain and must be read to be understood. It's an utter all-senses submerge into the 9th century. And for a medieval geek like myself who loves romance novels, it just doesn't get much better..I liked that the hero in this book, though also a Jarl and Viking similar to the first book, had a different personality and seemed more tender and vocal about his feelings- he fit the heroine perfectly and it kept the book and characters separate and it's own story from the first. Reading so many novels of this genre as I do, all the heroes tend to blend into one big bad macho blah of a man over time, and this is one character that stood out and I think I'll always remember. I think the author said it best- he was 'battle brave' and 'heart brave'. Sigh. The man wore his heart out on his sleeves. It was refreshing and endearing. I was all heart eyes over here. I absolutely loved reading about the Viking culture and the spiritual customs and rituals they had- the author weaves it into the story so well that you never feel like your reading a copied and pasted history fact like some other books tend to do. Or like someone was giving you a history lesson. The author simply lets you learn through experiencing it with the heroine. Just amazing! Something I wished with both books was maybe a little more action in the 9th century for everyone.. maybe more battles or a bad guy antagonist to up the action-it seems to follow the same pattern as the first book but nevertheless I have already preordered the third and cannot wait for April to get here. Keep writing Joanna bell!

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## **Elodie says**

So here is the second installment in the Mists of Albion series.

While I instantly adored Eirik, I need more time to enter in Ragnar story, due not to Ragnar character but rather to Emma and her whining side.

I can understand it was a kind of a trauma for face the worst aspects of our modern societies which feast on the blood of the others. But she saw what her friend Paige had to face, as she herself had a part in this crazy circus, and never she thought and prepared herself to deal with this flesh thirsty crowd. She is young, but is a modern girl, able to fight for her live in the 9th century but she couldn't put two ideas together and think straight in her own time.

While Eirik was told from only Paige's POV, here we have Emma and Ragnar sides of the story. And I was glad there was Ragnar POV. This story is so rich of many details, events and characters, I would have been sad to stop reading it because of moaning Emma. Ragnar on the other side is such a good man, young but with so many duties, he embraces his role as a leader, caring obviously for his people. Never he doubted his feelings for Emma, which she brings with her only pain and deception. He is like Eirik, a true alpha, when he loves, it is for life. He made some bad decisions but he made them for love and he tried to correct them.

\*\*\*Warning : Spoilers \*\*\*

While I will always wonder if Emma came back really for him or just because her sister told her she must leave and go back in the past to try to quiet the craziness around her and her family. Because even she told she was sad she left him behind, she never told really she loved him and never envisaged to come back. She only thought to leave the USA to go to the UK. She really never deserved his love and devotion.

Whatever, I will read the third book because the author was able to create a wonderful world with amazing men.

It is why I give this book a four stars rate and not less.

I just hope the next heroine will be less selfish and self centered.

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## **Linda says**

???? Heart-pounding time travel adventure and soul-stirring love; who could ask for more?!:-)

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??I loved this book!! Emma, the heroine, can be a bit stropky and self-defeatingly argumentative at times, but she is living the whirlwind, facing constant badgering in the present and adjusting to the reality of time travel with an alternate life in a Viking village in 9th century England. I also enjoyed the glimpse the author offered to Viking daily life, traditions and holiday celebrations.

Ragnar, the dreamy young Viking chief who can't resist her, is a great character: decent, strong, an authoritative hunk with the weight of leadership and a community's welfare on his capable shoulders. He and Emma are a red hot pair and their romance is at times frenzied, at times tender.

The plot maintains its tension as Emma is torn between living in the past or the present. No spoiler, but the final decision may not be that difficult a choice when she finally gets needed advice on weighing her options. Plenty of angst but minimal violence; don't be surprised if this one provokes some tears.

I received a complimentary advance copy of this book; this is my voluntary and honest review.

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## **Lit Reader says**

We met Emma in book 1 and in this one she goes through some similar experiences to Paige. She finds herself in a situation where remaining in the present isn't that great, and because of that I thought it detracts a little from her feelings towards Ragnar, who is the dreamy Jarl she finds herself in the past. Their



story is steamy and in my opinion, quite romantic in Ragnar's part.

The book is very well written, with different styles depending on who is doing the narration, and some beautiful poetic Viking elements from nature or mythology which I particularly liked.

The present does sound awful, I want to go back to the 9th Century as well !!

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### **Karen Janet says**

I was excited to read this one. But I couldn't love it. Until the last chapters I was thinking on giving it three solid stars, but not. I love Ragnar so much. But I dislike with all myself Emma. She was so selfish, arrogant, immature and a bitch. And the fact that she just came back to Ragnar because she was in danger in the present tainted me the whole story. It was just convenient for her, wasn't it? If not she wouldn't have care about coming back to Ragnar. Selfish bitch.

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### **Space Cowgirl says**

The Future of True Love is The Past

Adult Romance in the Viking Age of the 9th century.

Emma??, best friend of Paige, from book one, has decided to return to Albion, after briefly visiting the present again. In the present world, Paige is missing under suspicious circumstances and now, Emma?? is a suspect!

Emma?? has seen Paige, her baby, her father, and her Viking Warlord husband, Jarl Eirik?????. They are extremely happy living in the past. The Viking community in Northern England(East Angle) is a true home they never had.

When Emma?? arrives back in the past, she ends up a prisoner of an East Angle lord. But in a day or so, his compound is attacked by Northmen, Vikings! The Viking Warlord is Jarl Ragnar????, and he takes much of everything the other lord has, food, supplies, farmers, craftsmen, and women. He leaves them just enough so they won't starve.

He also takes the prisoner, Emma??.

Emma?? is as drawn to Ragnar???? as he is to her. When he finds out she knows Jarl Eirik's wife, Paige, and that they are from the same place, he is even more fascinated! What red blooded woman?? can resist a tall, handsome?, jacked? and fierce Warlord?????

YEHAW! Ride em Bareback?, Cowgirl!????

Emma?? has just gotten there, but she spends a lot of time complaining about wanting to go back home. I got tired of it.

The book is pretty slow going at first. Emma doesn't even meet her loverman, Ragnar????, until chapter 8. Most of the beginning chapters are spent dealing with the disappearance of Paige, the press, and the police.

The book is an awesome love story spanning across time and two cultures, but it was marred somewhat by Emma's constant wanting to go back to the present.

HG provided me this ARC for a Voluntary and Honest Review.

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## **Melanie S says**

### **Home is where - and when - the heart is**

Ragnar, the second book in the Mists of Albion series, may be the best time travel romance I have ever read. It absolutely is the best Viking historical romance I've ever read. I was able to read Eirik, which was the first in the series, so I had no difficulty getting into the story, but I think there's enough backstory given that it isn't essential to do so. Author Joanna Bell brings wonderful characters and settings to life with smooth prose and the perfect level of detail. Whether it was chaos and threat of danger in the present, or the strange customs and the bold ways of the Viking past, I felt like I was right there, I felt Emma's conflicting feelings for her family and for Ragnar, and the ending had my heart in my mouth until the last second. I was fortunate enough to be given an ARC of the book, and this review is my honest and voluntary opinion: Ragnar rocks!

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