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Eirik the Red. The Man Who Discovered America



The saga of Erik the Red is a short one. It tells the story of how he flees from Norway to Iceland after committing a murder, marries into a chieftain's family, starts a small war, explores a vast land to the west, and names it Greenland. He founds a settler community there before the country is Christianized against his will and his sons explore America. In just fifteen minutes, you'll have an overview of everything there is to know about Erik the Red. Or maybe not – because hidden beneath condensed recounts of the sagas is a sea of events and connections that have not yet been discovered.

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Øystein Morten, historian and author, has written several highly acclaimed non fiction books, such as *Jakten på Olav den Hellige* (The Search for Olav the Holy) and *Jakten på Olav Tryggvason* (The Search for Olav Tryggvason) and *Jakten på Sigurd Jorsalfar* (The Search for Sigurd the Crusader). In 2017 he published the book *Norske ødegårder. Historien om stedene vi forlot* (Norwegian Odegaards. The History of Places we left) with photographer Pål Hermansen.



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