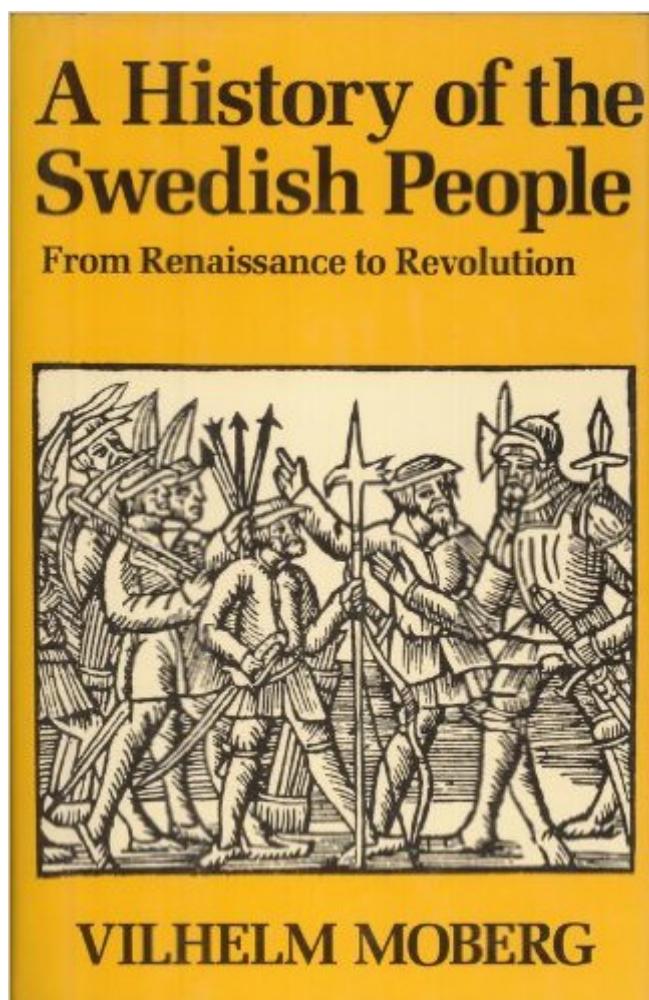


The book was found

A History Of The Swedish People: Volume II: From Renaissance To Revolution



Synopsis

In the second volume of his vivid history of the Swedes, Vilhelm Moberg brings his focus on the common people to bear on a period that included two dramatic revolts: the national insurrection under Engelbrekt and the last desperate attempt of the Smaland peasantry to retain their medieval liberties - a defiance bloodily crushed by King Gustav Vasa. Using a wide variety of local historical source materials, Moberg studies the ruthless monarch Vasa and his two tragic opponents: the psychopathic Christian II of Denmark and Nils Dracke, the leader of the Smalanders. Furthermore, he examines the enigmatic and wide appeal of the Swedish forest and investigates the origins of the Swedish hatred of Danes, which was implanted by propaganda through songs commissioned by Karl VIII's chancellery. Moberg's history has been widely hailed by the Swedish press as a masterpiece of popular history writing and has been an all-time best-seller in Swedish bookstores.

--This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Book Information

Hardcover: 268 pages

Publisher: Dorset House Publishing Co Inc; Third Edition edition (December 1989)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0880293136

ISBN-13: 978-0880293136

Product Dimensions: 2 x 5.5 x 8.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars See all reviews (14 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #828,100 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #50 in Books > History > Europe > Scandinavia > Sweden #117 in Books > Travel > Europe > Sweden > General #163511 in Books > Textbooks

Customer Reviews

The common man and woman in Sweden, like people everywhere, have had to contend with the great lords who taxed them unfairly and treated them as expendable cannon fodder in their numerous wars. For Sweden this included constant warfare with its neighbor Denmark. A war between these two Nordic neighbors seemed to break out every 50 years or so from 1400 to 1800. These wars, in part, were due to questions regarding whether Scandinavia would be ruled as a united kingdom from Denmark, or whether Denmark, Sweden, or Norway would each constitute an independent nation-state. Throughout these various wars and depredations, Moberg observes that it

was the forest that served as a refuge for the common Swedish peasant. There he could retreat from invading armies. Many of these armies were constituted of German mercenaries--bringing to mind the Hessians sent by England to fight the American colonists who were my ancestors. The forest also served as the proper venue for guerilla warfare where the peasants often had the upper hand when pitted against the King's soldiers. Moberg points out that it was only in Denmark where Scandinavians were reduced to serfdom, as the plains of Jutland did not offer the respite provided by the forests of Sweden or the mountains of Norway. In times of famine the forest was also a source of food. The Swedish peasant was able to use the membrane between the bark and wood of the tree as an ingredient for bread. These accounts of the forest as a refuge calls to mind what my grandmother once told me about the American Civil War--as told to her, in turn, by her own grandmother (my great-great-grandmother): "When the soldiers came they hid the cattle in the woods," said my grandmother.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Swedish Recipes. Everything from Swedish Meatball Recipes to Swedish Pancakes A History of the Swedish People: Volume II: From Renaissance to Revolution Perspectives on the Renaissance Medal: Portrait Medals of the Renaissance (Garland Studies in the Renaissance) American History: The People & Events that Changed American History (People's History, American, United States of America, American Revolution, Patriot, United States History Book 1) How To Analyze People: Mastering Analyzing and Reading People: (How To Read People, Analyze People, Psychology, People Skills, Body Language, Social Skills) Reading Lucretius in the Renaissance (I Tatti studies in Italian Renaissance history) History of the Florentine People, Volume 1: Books I-IV (The I Tatti Renaissance Library) History: Human History in 50 Events: From Ancient Civilizations to Modern Times (World History, History Books, People History) (History in 50 Events Series Book 1) People's History of Sports in the United States: 250 Years of Politics, Protest, People, and Play (New Press People's History) UNEXPLAINED DISAPPEARANCES & MISSING PEOPLE.: MISSING PEOPLE CASE FILES; UNEXPLAINED DISAPPEARANCES; MISSING PEOPLE. (UNEXPLAINED DISAPPEARANCES : MISSING PEOPLE Book 2) A History of Philosophy, Volume 3: Late Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy: Ockham, Francis Bacon, and the Beginning of the Modern World Finland History: Origins of the Finns, The Era of Swedish Rule, 1150-1809, Independence and the Interwar Era, 1917-39, Society, Economy, Government and Politics History: British History in 50 Events: From First Immigration to Modern Empire (English History, History Books, British History Textbook) (History in 50 Events Series Book 11) Queer America: A People's GLBT History of the United States (New Press People's History) The Darker Nations: A People's History of the

Third World (New Press People's History) How To Analyze People: Body Language and Human Psychology Guide to Mastering Analyzing (Analyze People, Body Language, Human Psychology, How to Analyze People) Literature of the Western World, Volume I: The Ancient World Through the Renaissance (5th Edition) Platonic Theology, Volume 2: Books V-VIII (The I Tatti Renaissance Library) Fika: The Art of The Swedish Coffee Break, with Recipes for Pastries, Breads, and Other Treats Recipes of Sweden: A Classic Swedish Cookbook (Good Food from Sweden)

[Dmca](#)