

The Sea of Trolls (Sea of Trolls, #1) By Nancy Farmer **The sea of trolls book 2** The book creatively adapts Norse mythology into a engaging adventure story that demonstrates the clash of two cultures and how the children learn to work things out to accomplish their goals. **The sea of trolls book 2** When she returned she moved into a commune in Berkeley sold newspapers on the street for a while then got a job in the Entomology department at UC Berkeley and also took courses in Chemistry there. **The sea of trolls book 2** She and a friend tried to hitchhike by boat but the ship they selected turned out Nancy was born in 1941 in Phoenix and grew up in a hotel on the Arizona Mexico border where she worked the switchboard at the age of nine. **The sea of trolls by nancy farmer** When she returned she moved into a commune in Berkeley sold newspapers on the street for a while then got a job in the Entomology department at UC Berkeley and also took courses in Chemistry there. **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy and books** Nancy's honors include the National Book Award for The House of the Scorpion and Newbery Honors for The Ear the Eye and The Arm A Girl Named Disaster and The House of the Scorpion. **The sea of trolls book 2** 793; Jack and his sister have been kidnapped by Vikings and taken to the court of Ivar the Boneless and his terrifying half-troll wife; but things get even worse when Jack finds himself on a dangerous quest to find the magical Mimir's Well in a far-off land with his sister's life forfeit if he fails. **The sea of trolls book 2** Other threats include a willful mother Dragon a giant spider and a troll-boar with a surprising personality -- to say nothing of Ivar the Boneless and his wife Queen Frith a shape-shifting half-troll and several eight foot tall orange-haired full-time trolls. **Kindle The Sea of trolls 2** Paperback After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim home of the trolls. **The sea of trolls book 2** Jack and Thorgil have to face their own deepest fears and battle with a troll bear and a dragon escape giant spiders and stay on the right side of the fearsome Trolls who live near the well. **The Sea of Trolls kindle reader** As mentioned before if you enjoyed The Hobbit and are looking for a fun adventure similar in world mythology and tone even so much so as having a similar Monster Manual line-up this book is for you. **Kindle The Sea of trolls book** And for this story to be believable and for the reader to feel the proper amount of fear and dislike for the Vikings as the main character Jack does the Vikings need to do Viking things like pillaging and plundering. **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy book** Jack's mentor believes in something called the Life Force and the Vikings of course believe in all the Norse gods and Yggdrasil (which is the same thing as the Life Force only in the form of a tree). **The sea of trolls book 2** In this first book the plot was a bit rambling; the actual conflict the part that you would focus on if you were explaining to someone what the book was about isn't even mentioned until halfway through the book. **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy and books** The writing style was a bit uneven; generally it was what you'd expect for an 8th century epic journey but occasionally a very modern-sounding line or word would pop up and sound thoroughly anachronistic--for example the characters all use what are supposed to sound like period curses (By Thor's hammer!) but at one point a character's curse is edited out with a string of #!@& like in an old cartoon. **The sea of trolls book 2** But secondary protagonist Thorgil is so ill-tempered for so long with absolutely no signs of humanity that when the author wants you to start feeling bad for her it's hard to actually dredge up any sympathy. **All about the trolls book** And maybe that was Farmer's point--that the lines between good and evil are blurred in real life and that in a world as harsh as the Northmen's where pillaging is the only way to survive someone can be kind and funny and a devoted family man but also a cold-blooded killer--but it never feels like that's what she's trying to get at. **The sea of trolls book 2** The best historical fiction books in my opinion pack in period detail but do it so deftly that by the time you're done you're well informed on the time period but you don't feel like you sat through a history lesson. **The sea of trolls by nancy farmer** The book falters slightly where Farmer tries to reconcile all different religions and create a world where all belief systems are equally true because it just doesn't work that well in her narrative but other than that the mythology is fascinating. **Science Fiction Fantasy The Sea of trolls pdf** The beliefs of early Christians and Irish bards and Vikings are all described in detail with bits of

myths and legends woven in (Beowulf especially plays a huge part in the story). **The Sea of Trolls epub download** The focus at least in this first book is on Norse beliefs and it's an excellent primer on Norse gods and the deeply Viking belief in fate and in the importance of achieving fame and dying heroically. **The Sea of Trolls epubor** Paperback I loved reading this book - epic adventure full of all the traditional elements of a good fantasy: trolls dragons warriors bards I suppose she is still quite young (6?). **The sea of trolls book 2** And certainly towards the end I began to skim because the 'adventure' was more tedious than exciting; and it felt like 'good deeds' were being done so that these points could be spent in the next book. **The Sea of Trolls kindle reader** I understand that it is a series and maybe it needed those pages to set up the world; but this was a quest book and there was a lot of stuff that did not pertain to the quest:

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Nor did the negative view of Christianity as it is historically accurate, **The sea of trolls book 2** Paperback Jack is a young bard in training when he is kidnapped along with his sister and taken by a group of Berserkers and brought to their icy northern land. **The art of trolls pdf** The book chronicles Jack's capture and adventures as he embarks upon a quest to win back his freedom and save his sister from the temperamental half troll queen Frith, **The art of trolls pdf** The more I read this book the less I was able to put it down, **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy book** I love historical fiction; I love middle grade/YA books; I love Norse mythology; I love books about the British Isles and about folklore.

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And magic: **The sea of trolls by nancy farmer** But the adventure is made better by the complexity of the characters. **The sea of trolls pdf** There are no clear-cut lines between good and evil in this book - only characters that are very human in their imperfection: **A sea of trolls book online** I think this book does a good job of pushing young readers to think about cultural relativism - or at least introduce them to the concept. **A sea of trolls book online** I was annoyed by the fact that Lucy still remains a brat to the bitter end, **The sea of trolls book 2** The scene where Jack gives her the necklace from Thorgil made me want to reach into the pages and give that girl a good slap. **The sea of trolls book 2** You'd think that the ordeal she went through would have changed her somewhat: **Science Fiction Fantasy The Sea of trolls pdf** I wasn't quite sure what the author's purpose was in leaving her as a spoiled and selfish child. **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy book** On the other hand.

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It is just a cause and effect situation: **The sea of trolls book 2** I think this is another addition to the setting and world building (Anyone else noticing the trend?) Supporting Cast - The supporting characters are what add life to the book, **Kindle The Sea of trolls book** The family members were rich and I understood why everyone did what they did: **The Sea of Trolls epub download** LOSES Intentional Magic - The main character has some supernatural experience that awakens his ability to perform magic: **The Sea of Trolls epub download** The author then attempts to establish the magic system while explaining what happened to the character: **The sea of trolls pdf** He was a snotty kid one moment then crying at the beauty of the world the next, **The sea of trolls book 2** Secondly.

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Nancy was born in 1941 in Phoenix and grew up in a hotel on the Arizona Mexico border where she worked the switchboard at the age of nine. **The sea of trolls book 2** She also found time to hang out in the old state prison and the hobo jungle along the banks of the Colorado River. **The sea of trolls book** She attended Reed College in Portland Oregon earning her BA in 1963, **The sea of trolls book 2** Instead of taking a regular job she joined the Peace Corps and was sent to India (1963 1965): **The Sea of Trolls kindle reader** She also found time to hang out in the old state prison and the hobo jungle along the banks of the Colorado River, **The sea of trolls book 2** She attended Reed College in Portland Oregon earning her BA in 1963, **The Sea of Trolls epubor** Instead of taking a regular job she joined the Peace Corps and was sent to India (1963 1965), **The sea of trolls book 2** She and a friend tried to hitchhike by boat but the ship they'd selected turned out to be stolen and was boarded by the Coast Guard just outside the Golden Gate Bridge: **The art of trolls pdf** She spent than a year on Lake Cabora Bassa in Mozambique monitoring water weeds: **The Sea of Trolls epub download** Next she was hired to help control tsetse fly in the dense bush on the banks of the Zambezi in Zimbabwe, **The sea of trolls book 2** Part of the time she spent in the capital Harare and was introduced to her soon to be husband by his soon to be ex girlfriend. **The sea of trolls by nancy farmer** Harold and Nancy now live in the Chiricahua Mountains of Arizona on a major drug route for the Sinaloa Cartel. **Kindle The Sea of trolls 2** She is the author of nine novels three picture books and a number of short stories. **The Sea of Trolls kindle reader** But in stories by award-winner Nancy Farmer appearances do deceive. **The sea of trolls book** She has never told a richer funnier tale nor offered more timeless encouragement to young seekers than Just say no to pillaging. **All about the trolls book** The Sea of Trolls (Sea of Trolls #1)This is a fast-moving and intelligent novel for children: **The sea of trolls trilogy** Jack and his sister Lucy get kidnapped by Vikings during the historic raid on Lindisfarne in 793: **The Sea of Trolls kindle book** Arriving in Norway Jack finds that he has to undertake a quest to find Mimir's Well in order to save his sister from the half-troll queen Frith. **The sea of trolls by nancy farmer** One negative aspect of this novel is the rather spare style which doesn't enable you to really get into the story well: **Kindle The Sea of trolls 2** It isn't difficult to follow--I just like to absorb myself a little more thoroughly that's all, **Sea of trolls series** And Farmer keeps dropping modernisms into her prose: Just say no to pillaging for example, **The sea of trolls book 2** This one's very witty of course but they mount up and are a bit distracting. **The Sea of Trolls epubor** There's a lot of very accurate Scandinavian mythology in the book--the tales of Odin Loki Mimir's Well etc: **Science Fiction Fantasy The Sea of trolls pdf** And that's hardly surprising since the bibliography Farmer provides at the end is enough for a graduate course!Also the characters are very appealing. **Kindle The Sea of trolls book** (I'm not sure that Jack is a historically-accurate name but that's nitpicking: **The Sea of Trolls epub download**) Thorgil the boy who turns out to be a girl berserker is also strangely appealing: **The sea of trolls book** But towering over them both is Olaf One-Brow the Viking leader who remains a powerful presence and extremely likable even while he's uncompromisingly violent in nature, **Sea of trolls audiobook** The characters at the end don't just agree to stop fighting one another, **The sea of trolls book 2** The Jotuns (trolls) become very appealing in the middle section of the book but they don't agree to stop eating people when Jack leaves their kingdoms, **The art of trolls pdf** And it's very clear at the end of the book that the Vikings are going to continue raiding England as they did historically for another two hundred years. **Epub The Sea of trolls band** Olaf One-Brow retains his violent tendencies even in his most attractive moments. **The Sea of Trolls kindle reader** A rich and complex book very entertaining and well worth spending the time on. **The sea of trolls book 2** Charm wit cool scary creatures and likeable characters you can connect with. **The sea of trolls by nancy farmer** It has a background and history that ties itself into the world of Nordic Scandinavian Eddas and Sagas from Beowulf to The Ring of the Nibelung and more. **The art of trolls pdf** Unlike most sagas it's a fun mostly lighthearted upbeat adventure feeling more like

The Hobbit than anything else: **EBook The Sea of trolls free** A further description from Nancy Farmer's website: Jack a Saxon boy and his sister Lucy are kidnapped by Vikings, **The sea of trolls book 2** When Lucy offends the Viking Queen who is a half-Troll the Queen's hair falls out: **Kindle The Sea of trolls 2** She threatens to sacrifice Lucy unless Jack can restore the hair, **The sea of trolls book 2** With Thorgil a Viking maiden Jack goes on a quest to fetch water from Mimir's well that will re-grow the Queen's hair, **The sea of trolls book 2** The Sea of Trolls weaves a cohesive storyline through a strong beginning middle and end. **The sea of trolls by nancy farmer** Nancy Farmer is a gifted award-winning author - The Sea of Trolls having won and been nominated for several awards itself. **The Sea of Trolls kindle reader** This makes for a great introduction to Nordic and Scandinavian myths and the Vikings of old for both young and old readers: **Kindle The Sea of trolls book** If you have already gotten your feet wet in other Norse sagas I think you would find many things to like in this book: **The art of trolls pdf** I think it's a wonderful achievement and look forward to reading the rest of the trilogy The Land of the Silver Apples and The Islands of the Blessed. **EPub The Sea of trolls band** * As you can see from my full review all the book covers to The Sea of Trolls are striking and very fitting to the story, **Sea of trolls series** Maybe someday I'll be able to own them all and add them to my collection. **The sea of trolls book 2** Recommended! Paperback Really I would give this book 3 1/2 stars, **Science Fiction Fantasy The Sea of trolls pdf** In my daughter's review she said this book was gruesome so I felt compelled to read it to find out what that meant to her. **Science Fiction Fantasy The Sea of trolls pdf** It is a story set in Viking times and a historical event was used as background to this story - when Lindisfarne AKA the Holy Isle was destroyed by Vikings in 793 AD: **Kindle The Sea of trolls book** Although this is a story about Vikings that is only one aspect of it, **The sea of trolls book 2** These acts are not overdone in fact they are equal to or less than other books like Enna Burning. **The sea of trolls pdf** One other thing about this book to be aware of is the mixing of religions, **The Sea of Trolls epubor** The main character Jack was raised Christian but it is the fearful form of Christianity where the monks teach that everyone is sinful etc. **All about the trolls book** This did not bother me (as a devout Christian) so I doubly love books about British folklore. **EPub The Sea of trolls band** I thought that this one would be one of those series that I would check out from the library and love so much that I'd run to the bookstore and buy my own copies: **The sea of trolls book** Each book in the series has a unique set of strengths and weaknesses. **The sea of trolls book 2** Rambling epic journeys work but only when we always know the end goal: **The sea of trolls book 2** The use of the nursery rhyme Jack and Jill though Farmer does have a historical basis for its conclusion is thoroughly jarring. **The Sea of Trolls kindle book** Jack is fairly likable; he feels realistic and you believe in his motivations even if he spends a great deal of time waiting for things to happen to him. **The Sea of Trolls kindle book** Many of the less-important Vikings are entertaining and the Viking named Rune is quite sympathetic and interesting. **The Sea of Trolls epubor** I found certain other characters such as Jack's father and sister almost unbearably irritating. **The Sea of Trolls epubor** Jack spends most of the book in their company and he has exciting adventures and becomes a better bard for it so you become attached to those characters and their world: **A sea of trolls book online** The fact remains though that they're murderers and thieves and slave traders and the reader like Jack can't really decide whether or not we're supposed to like them: **Kindle The Sea of trolls book** It just feels muddled like Farmer could never make up her mind about Vikings either, **Kindle The Sea of trolls 2** For all that though there are a great number of excellent aspects of this book, **The sea of trolls book 2** Most of these have to do with the huge amount of research Farmer must have done. **The Sea of Trolls epubor** Saxon England and Viking Norway are both recreated with astonishing detail that manages to avoid bogging down the story, **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy and books** History classes teach you the dates and the events but the book takes you into people's homes into the everyday lives of farmers and sailors and Vikings and kings: **The Sea of Trolls kindle reader** No less detailed is the description of the culture and the mythology. **The Sea of Trolls kindle reader** That amount of historic and folkloric detail pushes this book up to four stars for me, **The sea of trolls book 2** Paperback



I admit it I gushed throughout nearly this entire book, **The sea of trolls book 2** I listened to it and the narration was superb and I think that played a large part in my enthusiasm for it, **Sea of trolls series** Jack and his sister Lucy are forced on an adventure with lovable loathsome wild men from the North: **The sea of trolls by nancy farmer** They romp and role with a girl who wins belching contests and wants to die fighting as soon as possible. **Science Fiction Fantasy The Sea of trolls pdf** They cower before half-trolls who are beautiful on the outside and despicable on the inside: **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy and books** They talk with crows ride troll boars sing to bees and learn all sorts of lessons along the way that I think are worth learning for people like me and you too: **Science Fiction Fantasy The Sea of trolls pdf** Nancy Farmer is a new author crush for me and it's time to move to book number two: **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy and books** I don't mind reading children's books when it feels this good. **The sea of trolls trilogy** Anyway some Chase notes: I would recommend this book be bumped up to E710. **EPub The Sea of trolls band** The language is deceptively simple but there is a lot that goes on - too much for our E610 kids to keep track of, **Sea of trolls series** Another solution would be to reduce the amount of reading per week but then we'd be doing this book for two months: **The sea of trolls book** This is one of those books where you should ignore the star ratings and find a reviewer with similar tastes to try and determine if you should give it a try: **The sea of trolls by nancy farmer** Which is to say that while I only gave Sea of Trolls 3-Stars, **Sea of trolls books** I can see why other people especially younger readers would love it: **A sea of trolls book online** so what's not love right? Well I found a couple of things that detracted from the reading experience, **Kindle The Sea of trolls 2** There were times for example when whole scenes could have been deleted without any harm: **Science Fiction Fantasy The Sea of trolls pdf** The second detraction was that the book seemed to flip-flop between being a book for a younger audience versus being one for Young Adults. **World of trolls book** I noticed this most in the conversations and place descriptions: **The art of trolls pdf** Overall the best part was how the facts were woven into the story, **The sea of trolls book 2** The secondary characters were far more interesting than Jack who suffered from just having 'stuff happen to him', **The sea of trolls book 2** He was basically the same at the beginning of the book as at the end: **The Sea of Trolls epub download** Farmer writes well though and I'm hoping book II will be better, **The sea of trolls book 2** I loved the variety of people & creatures that Jack came across along the way, **Kindle The Sea of trolls 2** I did like the realism of the culture clashes between Jack & his new friends. **All about the trolls book** He did learn to be tolerant of their ways even if he didn't approve of them, **The sea of trolls book 2** I found Bold Heart to be a bit obvious as to who he really was, **The Sea of Trolls kindle reader** I wasn't surprised in the least when that was revealed in the end, **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy book** I guess it maybe a third of the way through the book. **Kindle The Sea of trolls book** Paperback I purchased this book a while ago for two reasons: the cover and the setting: **EBook The Sea of trolls free** If that were the only reasons for buying this book then you will be a happy camper: **All about the trolls book** If you believe the story should whisk you away like the cover and setting should then you will be kind of...meh as I was, **The art of trolls pdf** Let's break it down shall we? **WINS** Setting - The world was beautiful: **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy and books** I feel like the author did the

Norse mythology justice in this story: **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy and books** There are clear separations between the Anglo-Saxons and the Northman and the Jotuns. **The sea of trolls book 2** This was well executed and added to the success of the setting: **EBook The Sea of trolls free** Unintentional Magic - I use this for lack of better term as well (I am obviously short on terms so if anyone knows some please let me know), **The sea of trolls book 2** What I mean by unintentional magic is for example a character accidentally got dragon's blood in her mouth and could then speak and understand birds. **The sea of trolls book 2** It is not something you would seek out the magic system was very vague and the consequences were not measurable: **A sea of trolls book online** Accessing the magic was very similar to EON (in which the process was repeated every time) but with much less success, **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy book** Main Characters - I struggled with hating the main character for two reasons: **Kindle The Sea of trolls book** There is also a side-kick that is annoying through 80-90% of the book. **The Sea of Trolls Science Fiction fantasy and books** Writing / Style - For such a beautiful setting the author moved through the book at a medium pace, **The sea of trolls book 2** Character development dialogue and pace are all lacking in this book: **Science Fiction Fantasy The Sea of trolls pdf** If the author could have put some flare into those this could have been a really good book: **Science Fiction Fantasy The Sea of trolls pdf** I think the character development and pace are what hold this book back from being better than it is. But I thought I would mention it. I think it is a great topic of discussion for children. Paperback I thought I would adore this series. The Northman are good Vikings. The characters around the protagonist are very rich. This was poorly executed. The magic always made the character cry. I felt like he all of a sudden became bi-polar. Restless again she decided to visit Africa. Restless again she decided to visit Africa. Nancy eventually got to Africa on a legal ship. He proposed a week later. This is the setting for The Lord of Opium. They have a son Daniel who is in the U.S. navy. Her books have been translated into 26 languages. {site_link} The year is A.D. Things happen blindingly fast. But there are many more positive aspects. are all accurately portrayed. Jack is a likable hero. And that's yet another strength of the book. There's no simple answer to the problems Farmer sets up. This book has everything I enjoy in a story. It's a children's book. A children's book that is also for adults. I liked it. I would not use that same word to describe it. Jack finds himself believing in all three. And this series had it all. And then I read the trilogy and it was . . nice. It was fun. But it wasn't great. It's an attempt at a joke but it feels out of place. The characterization in Sea of Trolls is hit-and-miss as well. The Bard would be the coolest teacher ever. And her turn to friendliness is quite sudden and unfounded. And the Vikings in general posed a problem for the author. Sea of Trolls excels at this. Nonetheless I do think the writing is high quality. Simple direct concise and spellbinding. And it does. 'Let's just sit here and watch the end of summer.' So they did. Paperback Hmmm. The story is interesting and there's lots of adventure. Plus the writing is decent. The first was that the plot could have been tighter. Sometimes they'd seem less serious and more playful. Plot-wise there was nothing terribly innovative. Paperback Well that was quite the adventure. Overall it was an interesting book. It was full of life and color and smells. I truly enjoyed being in the world that was set up. Races - I use Races for lack of a better term. They were rich with separate myths and world views. First I could not find anything to like about it. Second he was acted bi-polar. I read this book for everything other than the characters. Length - This book was overly long. It's a solid 3 stars but no more. It should be though. Paperback.