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Inaugural novel based on history and real Viking warriors

*Ventura, California—May 2009—Nordskog Publishing launches Noble Novels imprint with Lars Walker's **West Oversea: A Nordic Saga of Mystery, Exploration, and Faith**. More "meaty, tasty, and easily digestible theological offerings" to follow, promises publisher Gerald Christian Nordskog.*

West Oversea by author Lars Walker is a fitting foundational choice for the new Nobel Novels line.

In this Viking adventure tale, Erling Skjalgsson valiantly relinquishes his power and lands rather than be dishonorable to his evil brother. Supported by a well-drawn cast of characters, Skjalgsson sets sail for uncharted vistas with Greenland as the ultimate destination. The first leg of their voyage takes them to a newly settled Iceland. A dangerous storm blows the adventurers off-course where they encounter new peril with the wild lands and peoples of North America.

Meanwhile, Erling's Irish priest, Father Aillil, on a quest to rescue his enslaved sister, wrestles with a secret dark power that threatens to destroy them all.

West Oversea is set against the historical and dramatic Eleventh century backdrop of a Norway in flux as pagan Norwegians are converted to Christianity—sometimes by force.

"*West Oversea* is a gripping Viking saga," said Dr. John A. Eidsmoe, Colonel, Alabama State Defense Force. "Lars Walker understands the unique Norse mindset at the time of the Vikings' conversion to Christianity. He tells a tale of seafaring adventure and exploration of new worlds that will keep you on the edge of your chair – and make you think."

Said publisher Gerald Christian Nordskog: "*West Oversea* is an ideal book to begin our new Noble Novel series. Lars Walker's fiction story is based upon true, historical facts at the turn of the second millennium. Many of the novel's characters are based upon real Vikings, men who were courageous and indeed noble."

Lars Walker, a native of Kenyon, Minnesota, and Minneapolis resident, is the author of four previously published novels and journal editor of the Georg Sverdrup Society. His wildly divergent and fascinating vocational experiences (Alaskan crabmeat packer, radio announcer, church secretary and administrative assistant, and presently, school librarian and bookstore manager) have led him to the conclusion that "... God never gave me whatever gifts I have to entertain fellow Christians. I want to confront the world with the claims of Jesus Christ."

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