

## The Briton and the Dane

### Birthright

#### Discussion Items

Did you read the first book? If not, will you read the first book before or after you read the sequel?

Did you find the glossary helpful? Were there words that you did not recognize which were not included in the glossary? If so, would you contact the author to add your word(s) for future reference? If not, please explain.

Are you more comfortable with the verbiage? Did the language help transport you back in time? Did you read any of the dialogue out loud? If so, was it helpful?

If this was your first experience in this genre, did you expect dry historical references? Did you appreciate the author's subtle approach to history? Did you enjoy the learning experience? If not, what would have been your preference?

Were you happy with the growth of your favorite character(s) from the first book? Were you disappointed or happy with the behavioral changes of the original characters? How did you feel about the new characters? Did any of the new characters exhibit any of your personality traits?

What compelling forces drive the characters? How did the events from childhood affect their adult life? Did you agree with their decisions? Are you sympathetic to their plight? Would you behave differently in a similar situation?

How important are the conflicts that the author conveys? In what order would you place: Father/son relationships; Religion; Value of family life; Warfare? Would you rate these topics

from 1-4 or would you consider these issues of equal significance? What are the reasons for your given choices?

Were you engrossed in the story? Did you laugh and cry? Were you on the edge of your seat? Were you unable to put down the book? Explain your feelings.

Has the author provided an accurate account of life in the Ninth Century? Were you familiar with the rule of Alfred the Great? If not, were the references to King Alfred's accomplishments helpful? What of King Guthrum? Did you favor the Britons (Anglo-Saxons) or the Vikings? Why?

What did you think of this ending as compared to the ending of the first book? Did you feel that there is more closure in the second book? If so, why? Are you anxious to read the third book in the trilogy?

Would you contact the author to express your views? If so, visit the author's webpage for email instructions.