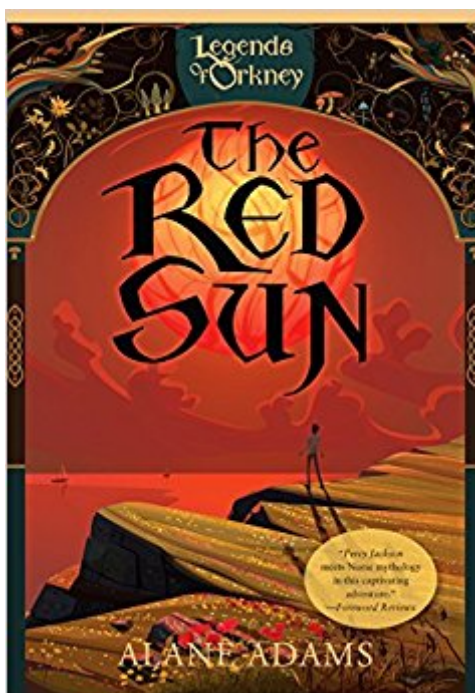


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# The Red Sun (The Legends Of Orkney Series)



## Synopsis

Sam Baron is about to get the shock of his life. First his substitute English teacher claims to have turned his old teacher into a lizard; then a strange dwarf named Rego arrives and claims Sam is from a magical realm called Orkney. When his friends are taken prisoner, it's up to Sam to save them. Sam embarks on a journey to Orkney through a stonefire to find his friends—but when he arrives, he discovers that an ancient curse has turned the sun a poisonous red and threatens to destroy the land. With only a young witch girl to guide him, Sam must choose: save his friends, or stop the red sun from consuming the land? Drawing on Norse mythology, *The Red Sun* follows Sam's journey to uncover the truth about his past—a journey during which he has to overcome the simmering anger inside of him, learn to channel his growing magical powers, and find a way to forgive the father who left him behind.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 7-10 "When a dwarf appears in 12-year-old Sam's garage, Sam hardly knows what to make of his story. Witches are after him? His own mother is a witch, who left Orkney once to protect him? His father is a descendant of Odin? And now that this dwarf has found Sam, they have to travel back to a strange otherworld to break the curse of the Red Sun, which is choking out all life in

Orkney villages? None of this makes much sense to the tween, but it's clear that he's in the middle of something big, and doubly so: a witch kidnaps his two best friends. He has no choice but to rescue his friends, and in doing so he might just save all of Orkney. Sam will need to choose his allies carefully and avoid the traitors in nearly every race in the Ninth Realm. What starts out looking like a retread of Rick Riordan's "Percy Jackson" series (Disney-Hyperion) quickly becomes its own story, with a darker tone and Norse flair. The protagonist struggles to understand himself and the sources "and purposes" of his anger and must learn to channel his rage and energy into breaking an ancient curse and stopping a looming war. This fast-moving adventure "the beginning of a trilogy" is sure to appease mythology fans who are outgrowing Percy Jackson's antics and looking for darker, weightier storytelling. VERDICT A great choice for middle school collections. "Brandy Danner, Perkins School for the Blind, Watertown, MA

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"Percy Jackson meets Norse mythology in this captivating and unique adventure." •Foreword Reviews (4 stars out of 5)  
"The Red Sun: Legends of Orkney by Alane Adams is a book that will take children on a roller coaster ride of adventure and fantasy where whimsical and menacing creatures and witches will enthrall readers." •Readers' Favorite (5 stars out of 5) •This novel may appeal to young readers who have enjoyed other 'chosen one' fantasy stories: It moves along at a speedy clip, and preteens will likely identify with Sam's anger and frustration with the world . . . it's a high fantasy tale that maintains a quick pace" •Kirkus Reviews  
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"Alane Adams weaves a rollicking tale of adventure, filled with magic

and mayhem, in *The Red Sun*, first in the *Legends of Orkney* series. Adams combines elements of Norse mythology and Umatilla tradition to send her young protagonist, Sam, on a unique quest to find himself and to save the entire realm of Orkney in the process. •Clarion•Cool read for kids •Middle Shelf Magazine "A fast-paced adventure quest full of Norse mythology and spellbinding fun. Fans of Percy Jackson and Harry Potter will love *The Red Sun*." •Kristen Hunt, author of *Blonde Eskimo*

This was good, and if I were a child, I think I would have loved it. There are some books for kids that transcend age. They're just good stories, and are enjoyable for everyone, like the Harry Potter books. This is almost like that, but just misses the mark.

If you've read all the Harry Potter and Percy Jackson books, this is a great book to try. I teach 5th grade and my students really liked this book. I have read Greek mythology to my students, but personally didn't know very much about Norse mythology. There is a lot of action in this book and the characters are well developed. I particularly liked the writing style. It's hard to interest the boys in my class, but they really got into the story. The ending is a cliff-hanger which really makes you want to read the sequel! I would say this would appeal to students 4-7th grade.

My kids love *The Red Sun*! We were first introduced to *Legends of Orkney* at Emerald City Comicon. We met the author Alane Adams, and played her mobile game that is inspired by the book. It is a great adventure, full of twists and turns, and characters that my kids really got into. Perfect for 4th to 8th grade, but even my kindergartener enjoys when we read *The Red Sun* aloud.

Loved, Loved, Loved the book. The author writes with such detail that your mind actually can visualize the action from the book as it is happening. Like you are there too. Definitely a page turner, I read it in just a few hours ( I couldn't put it down). Any age group would enjoy the exciting read. I can't wait for the next edition to come out, I'm dying to know what happens next. Someone needs to pick up this book and make it into a screen play. The author did her homework on Norse Mythology , and picked a fun place to start her adventure. Go Sam and freinds you are all so brave.

I was afraid that this was going to be a rip off but I was pleasantly surprised. Sam is a different character than Percy with his own problems. His biggest problem is one that a lot of us have, an uncontrollable temper. His temper has brought with it a curse on the land of Orkney. It is up to him

to fix the problem. This book is a promising start to a series.

This book is a page turner that will keep you engaged with the wonderful worlds of Sam Baron. Take an ordinary 12 year old boy from Oregon and have him go on extraordinary adventures in the mythical realm of Orkney and you have an exciting reading adventure for kids of all ages! A cliff hanger ending leaves you waiting for more from this promising new author. We look forward to her next fantasy adventure novel!

I really enjoyed reading this new adventure novel about Sam and his Friends. The blending of Norse Mythology, Fantasy and an Adventure Quest keep me on the edge of my seat and I couldn't put the book down! The Red Sun has an abundance of fascinating and original characters that are both humorous and genuine. Alane Adams has written the book in such a way as to make the reader believe the story could actually be true! I hope there are going to be more books in this series...

I received this book for my birthday and enjoyed it. The story is a little predictable but overall it's an entertaining book to read. Would recommend it for a light read.

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