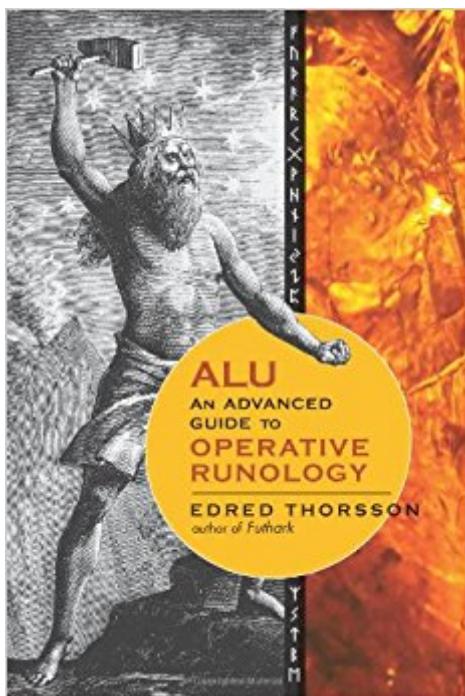


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# ALU, An Advanced Guide To Operative Runology



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This follow-up to the classic Futhark breaks new ground by applying current scientific theories on how magic works in traditional societies to the world of practical magic. ALU, An Advanced Guide to Operative Runology contains completely new and fresh descriptions of all the individual runes based on traditional sources, rune-poems, Old Norse literature, and more. Thorsson one of the most respected runic scholars living today, synthesizes the old and the new, the scholarly and the practical, and brings the use of runes in magical work to a new level in ALU, An Advanced Guide to Operative Runology. ALU features: Practical magic Divination practices Reveals new techniques and methods How modern English can be used in the creation of runic writings

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Edred Thorsson received his doctorate in Germanic languages and Medieval Studies from the University of Texas. He is the translator of Guido von List's The Secret of Runes, and a former university professor of humanities. He is the author of the bestselling Futhark: A Handbook of Rune Magic and Runelore. Thorsson lives near Austin, Texas where he practices rune magic. Visit him at: [www.runaraven.com](http://www.runaraven.com).

Definitely worth the read! From one the most leading experts on runes today, comes new and great material for the advanced student. I have been practicing runes for 12 years now and have worked mostly out of Edred's books, so it is great that he has given us some new material to experiment with. This book Alu goes further to define the runes and how to awaken them with in the self. Also

you get a better understanding of how to read the runes for divination. Most other authors try compare the runes to the tarot but the runes are runes not the tarot and should not be read in the same manner. That is one of the biggest frustrations with almost every author other on runes. They don't examine the tradition of Runelore and the Teutonic way which leads to them making up their own system. Edred shows his readers the true essence of the runes and how they were originally read and worked by Norsemen.

Books by this author are always worth reading, even if I do not always agree with him. His approach is not as organic as my own, and many of his conclusions are not in line with my own, but his techniques are sound, and his information is both accurate and well documented. Even if you do not agree with the author, this book is worth the investment

This book is written in a very easy to understand and follow way. A great balance between historical science and art of the Runes.

wasn't for me

I have the highest regard for Thorsson, who has written extensively and profoundly on the runes. If you're serious about studying runes, you have to read Thorsson. But I don't think this is one of his strongest efforts. While there are some useful new insights, I found much of the content to be reworkings of what Thorsson has written before. The book seemed rushed to me, as if written to fulfill a contract rather than resulting from passionate new insights. But it's still Thorsson and thus worth reading, and those with a limited background in runes will likely find this book particularly illuminating.

Edred Thorsson probably knows more about this subject than any man alive, based on his sound academic background and his decades of experience. This volume is his latest distillation of the deep lore surrounding the actual use of the runes as tools.

Wonderful information!

I liked the addition of the Anglo-Frisian Younger Futhork. I think the only problem I had with this book was the continual reference to Nine Doors of Midgard - which is very difficult to find if you're

not interested in joining the Rune-Gild. This is definitely not a book to start studying the Runes with, but it does fit nicely in with his other books on Runes. I would recommend also finding a copy of his Mystery of the Goths and reading other books on the Germanic people in order to get a full context for studying the Runes.

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