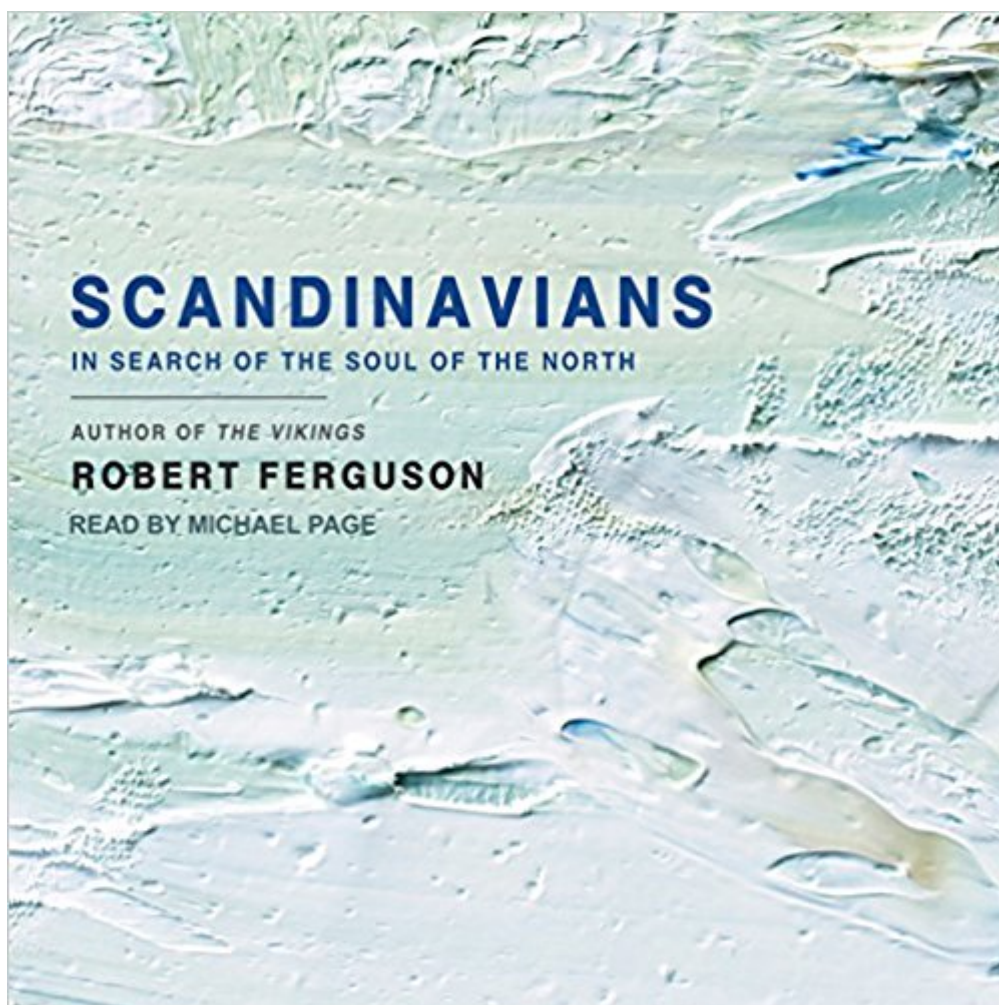


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This in-depth exploration of Scandinavian culture over several centuries is thoroughly researched. The content is interspersed with the British author's experiences and conversations with people in Denmark, Norway and Sweden (where he lives).

Insightful and good read

Wonderful book - insightful & a great read!

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