

The Leif Frond Adventures
by Joan Lennon



Follow the adventures of Leif Frond, a small Viking with big ambitions and a troublesome family.

Illustrated by Brendan Kearney

Leif Frond and the Viking Games

A&C Black

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When the Champion of the Waves turns up at the Frondfell Games, Leif's granny goes into overdrive, but that's only one on a long list of worries for our hero.

Leif Frond and Quickfingers

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A tale of cunning deceptions, wild inventions and 'the danger of cow' – can Leif survive long enough to solve the mystery of the Old Pedlar?

'... this is laugh-aloud fun for age 8+'

Irish Examiner

'... both stories are a fun read for confident readers of 7+ or older readers needing a high level of interest but shorter, more approachable texts.'

Lucy Russell *Books for Keeps*

'Tucked in amongst the mayhem is quite a lot about life as most Vikings lived it – not longboats and raids, but farming and storytelling and mixing dye. The combination of adventure and word-play will entertain older readers as well as the youngest.'

Ann Turnbull *An Awfully Big Blog Adventure*

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Teachers' Notes



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Tips for Teachers - some ways in which the world of the Leif Frond books could be used in the classroom.

- 1.) Longships were probably the most beautiful boats ever made! Challenge your pupils to find out how they were built - download some photos of recreated longships from the internet - get your class to draw their own longships, with curly carving and a ferocious head on the prow.
- 2.) Pupils sometimes think that all poems have to rhyme - but the Vikings used alliteration, where it's not the ends but the beginnings of the words that sound the same, to make their poetry. Write a Viking poem in class using alliteration.
- 3.) Terry Deary's Vicious Vikings in the Horrible History series is full of wonderfully gross facts, but I like the pages on reading and writing runes best. Download a rune alphabet from the internet and get your pupils to write their own names in runes.
- 4.) How to Build an Amazing Viking Name: You need a word bank of 3 lists. Column 1 - a list of Viking names like Thor or Hildegard, or maybe use your own name backwards Column 2 - a list of animals or vegetables Column 3 - a list of parts of the body Then take one word from Column 1, another word from Column 2, and another word from Column 3, and put them together to get something like Frieda Dragon Nose, or Siegfried Carrot Teeth, or Olaf Weasel Beard. Make as many as you can and then choose your favourites.