

# The Lives of Helge and Anne Stine Ingstad: Uncovering the Secrets of the Vikings



## Grand Adventure: The Lives of Helge and Anne Stine Ingstad and Their Discovery of a Viking Settlement in North America by Wilfred Thesiger

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The story of Helge and Anne Stine Ingstad is an extraordinary tale of exploration, discovery, and the pursuit of knowledge. These two Norwegian explorers played a pivotal role in uncovering the secrets of the Vikings and their westward journeys.

## Early Lives and Education

Helge Ingstad was born in 1899 in the small town of Notodden, Norway. He grew up with a passion for the outdoors and a fascination with the Viking era. Anne Stine Moe was born in 1915 in the town of Bodø, Norway. She developed a love of travel and adventure at a young age.

Helge and Anne Stine both pursued higher education. Helge studied law at the University of Oslo, while Anne Stine studied geography and archaeology at the same university. Their shared interests in history and exploration brought them together, and they married in 1941.

## **Exploring the Arctic**

After the war, Helge and Anne Stine embarked on a series of expeditions to the Arctic. In 1949, they led a Norwegian expedition to Baffin Island in search of evidence of Viking settlements. Their groundbreaking discovery of a Viking longhouse at L'Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland, Canada, rewrote our understanding of Viking history.



Helge and Anne Stine Ingstad at L'Anse aux Meadows

The L'Anse aux Meadows site contained the remains of several Viking buildings, artifacts, and the first known evidence of European settlement in North America. Helge and Anne Stine's discovery confirmed that the Vikings had reached the New World centuries before Christopher Columbus.

## **Archaeological Excavations**

Following their initial discovery, Helge and Anne Stine continued to lead archaeological excavations at L'Anse aux Meadows for many years. They uncovered additional Viking structures, including a workshop, a smithy, and a boatyard. Their findings provided valuable insights into the daily life and activities of the Vikings who settled in Newfoundland.

The Ingstads also explored other Viking sites in North America, including Vinland (present-day Maine) and the Hudson Bay region. Their research contributed greatly to our knowledge of Viking exploration and settlement in the New World.

## **Shared Interests and Legacy**

Helge and Anne Stine Ingstad shared a deep love of history, exploration, and the outdoors. They were both skilled archaeologists and adventurers who dedicated their lives to uncovering the secrets of the Vikings. Their groundbreaking work at L'Anse aux Meadows has had a profound impact on our understanding of Viking history.

Helge and Anne Stine Ingstad received numerous awards and accolades for their contributions to archaeology and exploration. In 1965, they were jointly awarded the Order of Canada, one of Canada's highest civilian honors.

## Later Years and Legacy

In their later years, Helge and Anne Stine continued to share their knowledge and passion for Viking exploration. They wrote several books and articles, and they gave lectures and presentations around the world.

Helge Ingstad died in 1993 at the age of 94. Anne Stine Ingstad died in 1997 at the age of 82. Their legacy lives on through their extensive research and writings, and through the L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site, which was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978.

The lives of Helge and Anne Stine Ingstad are an inspiration to explorers and adventurers of all ages. Their dedication, perseverance, and passion for knowledge have left an indelible mark on our understanding of the Vikings and their remarkable journey to the New World.



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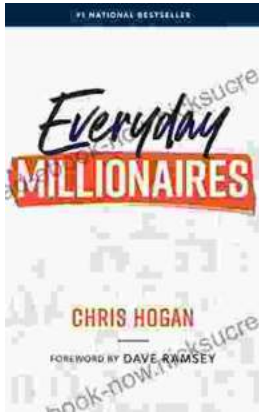
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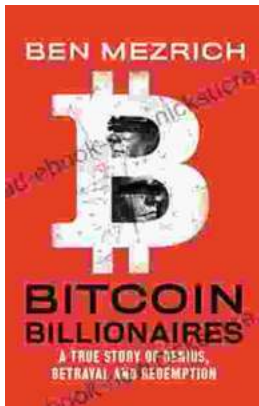
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