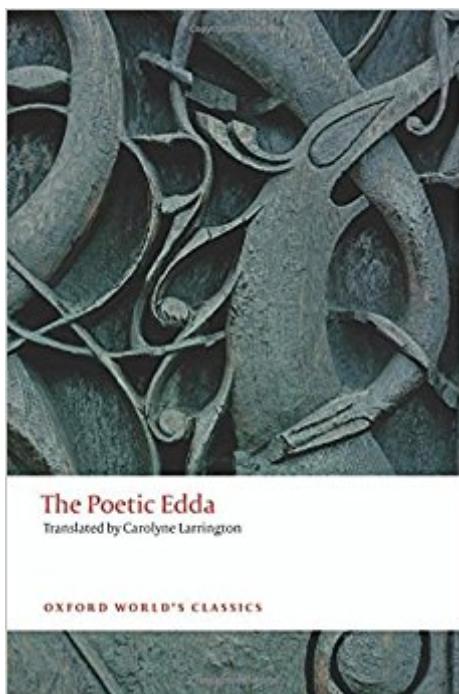


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A good translation of the Elder Edda. It sacrifices some poetic structure for clarity, but that's not a bad thing to me. All in all, a very worthy read.

An excellent translation, which changes just enough to make it digestible to modern English speakers without losing the actual original meanings, as some other translations I've found have done.

I am not a Norse scholar, but I loved the rhythm of the Poetic Edda, especially because I had read the Prose Edda first. This sequence allowed me to enjoy the poetry while knowing a tale's trajectory. Sorry if that sounds lazy, but I don't usually read poetry at all, so this still feels like a worthy endeavor to me.

Great read and product was in excellent condition.

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