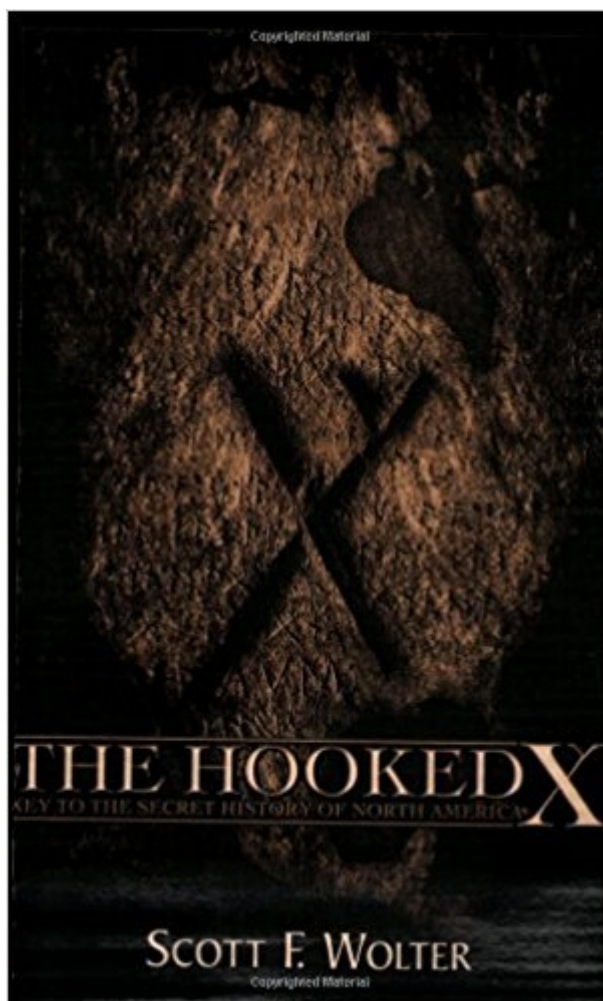


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The Hooked X: Key To The Secret History Of North America



Synopsis

The Hooked X is a secret symbol first found on an inscribed slab of rock, dated 1362, unearthed by a farmer in Minnesota in 1898. This mysterious symbol inspired the author to pursue a nine-year investigation on both sides of the Atlantic that led to the discovery of other artifacts and clandestine documents indicative of secret trips to North America long before Columbus. The trail of evidence led to a deep plunge into the shadowy areas of Freemasonry and the Knights Templar that most brethren of these orders are unaware of. This incredible true story reveals untold secrets of North America that weave from medieval times through today, forever changing history as we know it.

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Customer Reviews

Geologist Scott Wolter has been president of the American Petrographic Services since 1990 and is responsible for the independent petrographic analysis testing laboratory where the Kensington Rune Stone was brought for investigation in 2000. He's been the principal petrographer in more than 5,000 investigations throughout the U.S. and around the world, including the evaluation of fire-damaged concrete at the Pentagon following the attacks of September 11, 2001. Wolter and his wife, Janet, have two children and live in Chanhassen, Minnesota.

Are there signs of pre-Columbian European explorers evident in the Americas? If Scott Wolter is to be believed, yes; and they are plentiful. I bought this book after watching a History Channel marathon of Wolter's search for clues to the question of who reached North America first and I'm

glad I did! Despite some glaring editorial issues (repeated blocks of text, some weird syntax errors the editor should have caught) Wolter lays out his case that groups from Europe (probably including some Templars) in a precise, compelling fashion that leaves a reader fairly convinced he's right. I also greatly appreciated that he gave his fellow researchers credit for their contributions to the effort; not all do. Ultimately the riddles presented are left mostly unanswered and it will be up to future historians to uncover the missing pieces. Scott Wolter has, I believe, set the research off down the right path. There is a hidden history in America, of that I'm sure, Wolter's done a great job of helping to lift the curtain to allow us to see beyond.

The idea of pre Columbian, European settlers in North America is by no means a new one. But Wolter's Hooked X theory and research add a new and interesting twist to the tale. This book covers several years of research that starts with the Kennsington Rune Stone. Wolter and his fellow researchers do a very good job of presenting evidence that not only is the Kennsington Rune Stone real, but that it may be connected to a much larger expedition that came to North America in the 1300's. The book itself is well written and does a good job of presenting his evidence. He is clear to point out what are facts and what are opinion/theory. He starts with a quick overview and history of the Kennsington Rune Stone. From there he moves onto other artifacts and locations he believes are linked to the stone. He points out along the way others who have researched along similar lines of history concerning pre Columbian North American. He includes quite a few pictures in the book to help make comparisons and give visual reference. Anyone interested in medieval history, Templar Knights and a very interesting possibility that Europeans were exploring this continent hundreds of years before Columbus will enjoy this book. The only reason I gave it four stars instead of five is because I felt it could have been a little longer. All in all a very interesting read.

I found this book quite readable and informative. The main focus is an updating on his work regarding the Kensington Rune Stone. Mr. Wolter had written with another person his detailed study of first encountering the rune stone. I had not read that work. This book was written in the format of his personal case study journal. We are taken through the events by day, told whom was present, and given an extensive reference and index for further study, if the reader chooses to. The Hooked X is one of the runes that appeared to be an 'a' in ancient Gotlander (Swedish) language. The hook might have been a mason's mark or it could mean something else. It does appear from reading this text that it is a substitute, at the least, for an 'a.' Now, I read this book not knowing anything of the language of Runes. I have always been interested in ancient alphabets (long story there.) So, I

began reading and running to research Gotland etc. Fascinating information and language. The period being looked at is 1400's but the tale begins in the 1100's with the establishments of Cistercian Orders of Monks. Then it blended into a look at the Knight's Templars and onwards. Right into Sacred Geometry. The book was an adventure. Mr. Wolter has done extensive research. The conclusions are both valid and open to your own interpretation. On the whole, I was caught up in the search for the true meaning of the Hooked X, and fully realize that no firm conclusion has been reached yet. The working theory of Mr. Wolter's is intriguing but also controversial. I look forward to his further studies. I will also seek out more Knights Templar research.

I like Scott Wolters' series on the History channel and enjoy watching the series. It very thought provoking that other cultures could have come to the US so many centuries ago. Scientists don't believe that this could happen, but many of the earlier peoples were very smart and adaptive to the situation around them. If the Polynesians could sail the Pacific, why couldn't the Europeans do so the the east coast?

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