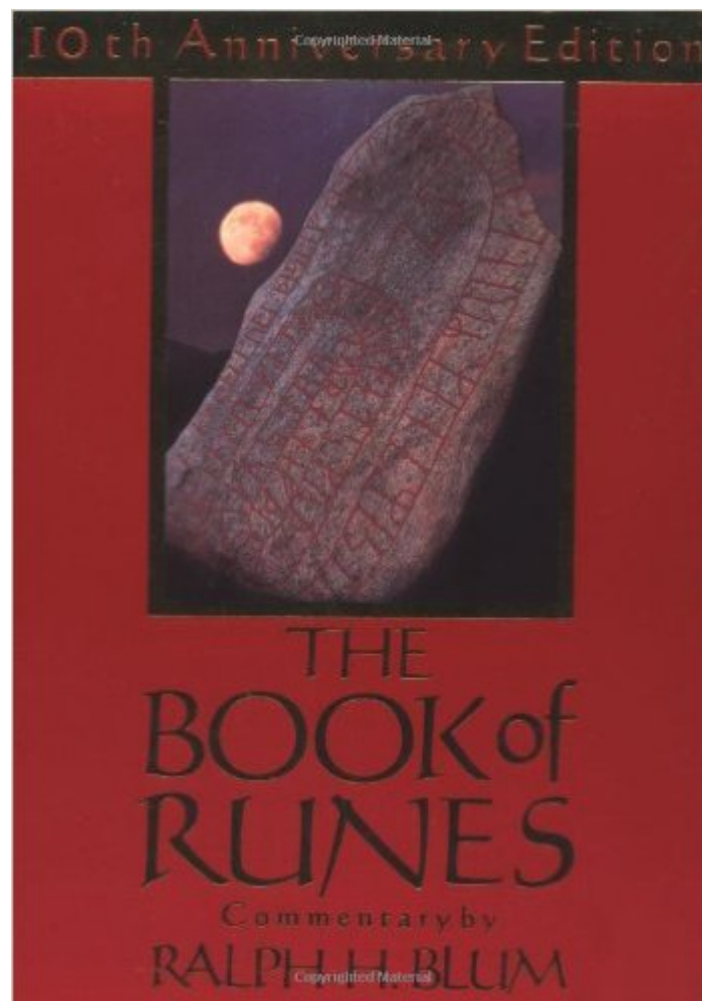


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If you look over the reviews of Blum's various Runic texts you will see raves and pans: from, effectively, "the man is an expert" to "the man is a charlatan." He is neither, and I think discounting the texts because they do not follow the ancient Norse interpretations is unfair, bordering on mean-spirited -- missing the value of this small volume in the rush to opine. Those who want to objectify their own unconscious wellsprings so that they can reflect on the messages bubbling up within them will find this little book a wonderful companion you will turn to frequently. If you are looking for scholastic history and interpretation, I would like to suggest that you will be unhappy with ANY book this slim, regardless of author. I particularly don't understand the reviews that complain that Blum "made up his own system" and those that ring in saying that "it is okay to rethink tradition, but you need to be upfront about it." Did you READ the book before you skipped to the pages suggesting interpretations for the symbols? In my copy, at least, which I've had for decades, he tells

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