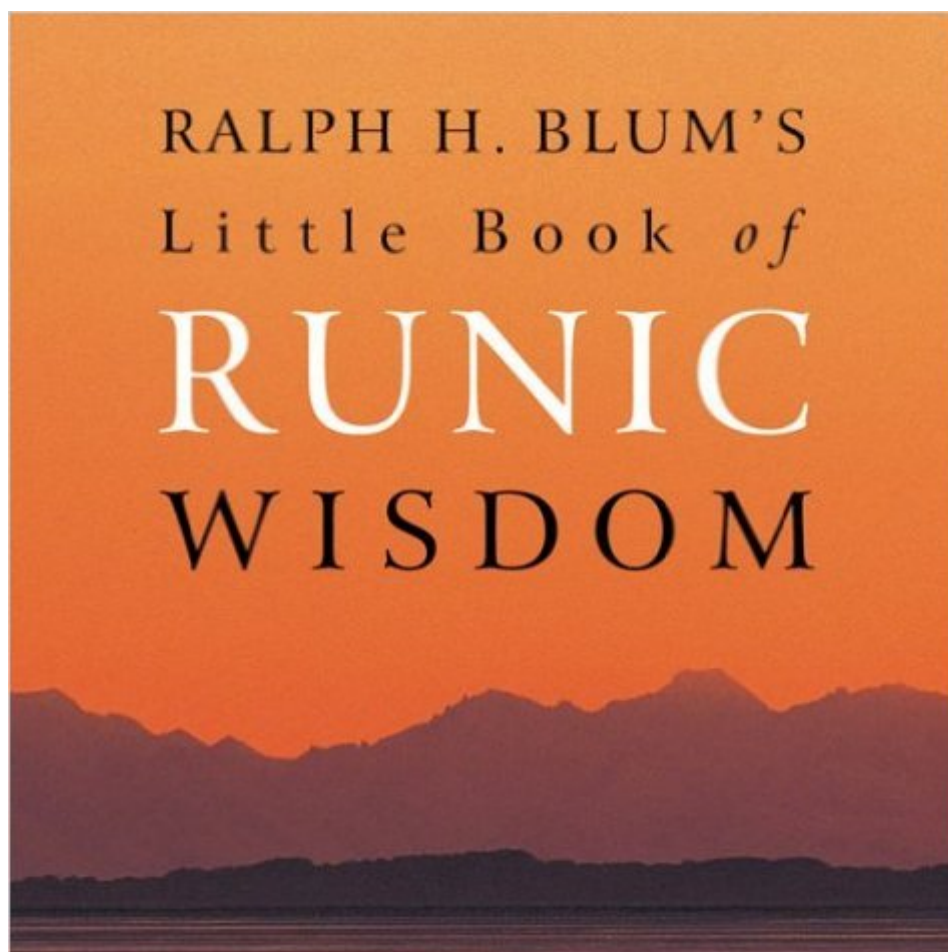


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# Ralph H. Blum's Little Book Of Runic Wisdom



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Below the review is an actual response from Ralph Blum himself regarding the concerns I had. His curt and strictly anti-academic response was enough to cause a concern on my part that his book was relying on the name of the ancient Runes to entice people, falsely, to buy his book thinking they

were going to be getting something they would not. HOWEVER, NOTE THAT EVEN WITH THE BELOW TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, A GOOD 75% OF BLUM'S BOOK IS RUNIC IN NATURE AND WORTHY OF A READ!! Blum's book is an enjoyable read and does have some valuable daily meditations based upon the original Runic wisdom. Unfortunately, it is also rife with completely inappropriate Christian dogma. If this was implied in any way in the title or description, this fact would be acceptable, but for those looking to escape the ever-present, proselytistic attempts of some members of this belief system, it is an annoyance. More importantly, it is misleading as the average purchaser of this book might be expecting it to be full of wisdom based upon the ancient peoples that created, studied, and believed in the Runes and not have the text focus, at least in part, on the very belief system that crushed them in the 10th-13th centuries (later if you consider Iceland and Greenland). After all, it was Christendom itself that destroyed the ancient Norse belief system, often under the threat of death or banishment. Please know this review is NOT coming from an anti-Christian person, just one that wanted to study as the ancients might have. Blum believes that simply because he styles his little book, "Ralph Blum's..." he can spread Christian dogma and pass it off to the unsuspecting as Runic. Blum should keep in mind that his book's title also uses the words, "...RUNIC WISDOM.

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