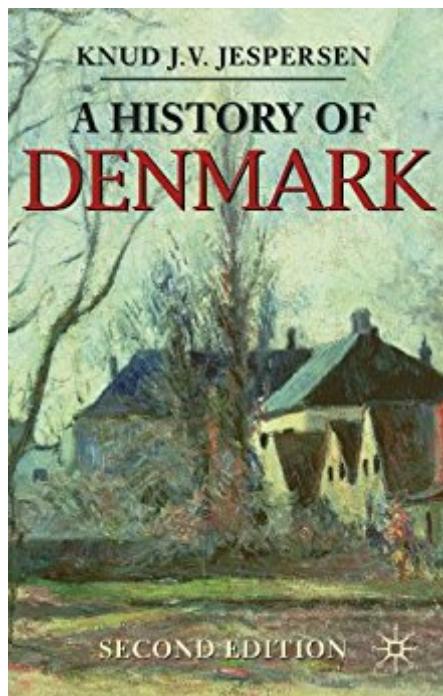


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Synopsis

The history of modern Denmark is essentially the story of how a once extensive and diverse empire slowly fragmented under the changing circumstances of the times. In this introductory guide, Knud J. V. Jespersen traces the process of disintegration and reduction which helped to form the modern Danish state, and the historical roots of Denmark's international position. Beginning with the Reformation in the sixteenth century, Jespersen explains how the Denmark of today was shaped by wars, territorial losses, domestic upheavals, new methods of production, and changes in thought. Thoroughly revised and updated in light of the most recent research, this second edition includes new discussions of the Danish Enlightenment, Denmark's role in World War II, the Cartoon Crisis of 2006 and current NATO debates, bringing the diverse and turbulent history of the country right up to the present day.

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As the son of Danes immigrant to the UK in the 1930's, I thought I had a working knowledge of Danish History up to WWII. Surprise! Jespersen's presentation of a series of topics from the XVIth Century through to the beginning of the XXIst puts things together succinctly and clearly. This is an

engrossing book: I found it too stimulating for bedtime reading. Pulls no punches (gulp!) about the diminution in Denmark's prestige and power from the days of Canute's empire in the XIth Century, but gives an account of the sense of public duty and service the average member of that country has inbuilt in psyche and society, with both of which I resonate. 'Tak skal du ha'! My children, whether in the UK or USA will get a copy of this book for Christmas!

This actually a well written book that is focused on the political history of Denmark, not what I was looking for. The title implied a book on the full history of this country, where they came from who they are and what their customs are. Instead it curses on what it means to be 'Danish' in political and social terms and how that consciousness developed.

Received almost overnight and in excellent condition! I would really recommend this book to anyone interested in Danish history because it is a fascinating read.

This is an unusually objective narration of the previous 500 years of Danish history. It is clearly written and concise. Although I have read Danish history and lived in Denmark for over 30 years, I found basic, truly insightful explanations of the Danish character and identity which I have not found anywhere else. I am grateful to hr. Jespersen for this book. I don't know of any other book, in either language which fulfills his purpose so well.

I really liked this book. I think everyone who has Danish ancestry should read it because it really helps you understand what was going on in their lives after the reformation--which is basically as far back as most people can trace their ancestry anyway.

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