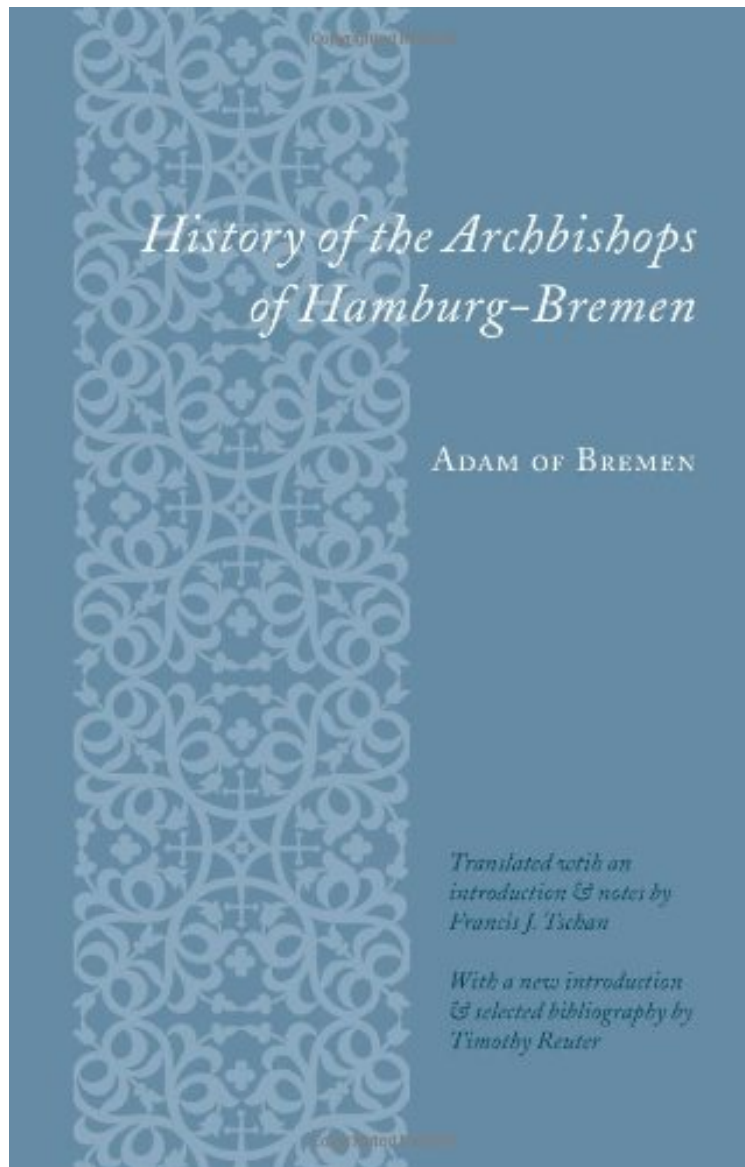


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Adam of Bremen, Francis Joseph Tschan, Timothy Reuter : History of the Archbishops of Hamburg-Bremen before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised History of the Archbishops of Hamburg-Bremen:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Important Work, Good TranslationBy Christopher R. TraversIn this work, Adam of Bremen discusses the history of Hamburg, Saxony, and Scandinavia from the 9th century on from his

perspective within the Catholic Church in Saxony. He provides a great deal of important information about the times, though naturally his bias shows through frequently. Adam of Bremen seems to have clearly held Tacitus in high regard, perhaps even as a role model, as this work reminded me of Tacitus's in structure while at the same time using "Germania" as the basis for the first few chapters. I found this translation to be very readable, and the introduction was quite helpful in understanding the history behind the academic understanding of the text. For anyone interested in the history of the Middle Ages, or in Scandinavia, this work is highly recommended. 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. History. Boring! Right? Wrong! Very Good Read! By Billy Stewart This book was written by Adam of Bremen in or around the year 1075. That, in and of itself, should be enough to make this very interesting reading if you are a history lover. This was written almost 1000 years ago; think about that, 1000 years ago! The book is a compilation of 4 volumes written by Adam, a priest, as a treatise covering the history of the catholic church in northern Germany from 788 to his present time (approx. 1075). It also addresses the mission of the church to preach to the northern islands (present day Scandinavia) as this was a part of the bishopric of Hamburg-Bremen and this is where the book is most interesting because it confirms the early Viking explorations to Iceland, Greenland and Vinland (most likely Newfoundland in Canada) which is to say that it is a record of the finding of North America before Columbus was even born; heck, this would be before Columbus' grandparents were born. Still bored? Adam was a catholic priest of little renown in his time, but well educated, as his honorary title Magister Adam would suggest that he had passed through all levels of higher education. He was invited to join the church of Bremen by the archbishop and eventually became director of the cathedral's school. He composed this work whilst director of the school. "Gesta Hammaburgensis ecclesiae pontificum" (Deeds of Bishops of the Hamburg Church) is Adam of Bremen's opus; a history of the actions of the archbishops of Hamburg-Bremen, originally written in latin as all 'gesta episcoporum' (deeds of bishops) were. It is a record of the accomplishments of the archbishopric (perhaps even written a bit boastfully) especially in the mission to save the savage barbarians of the northern islands. This is a wonderful record of the dark ages including references to earlier works, which Adam would have had easy access to in the library of the church of Bremen, by historians such as The Venerable St. Bede ("the father of English History" author of "The Ecclesiastical History of the English People"), Einhard (biographer for Charlemagne), and Cassiodorus (chief assistant to Theodoric the Great of Italy). The first 3 books are a history and the 4th is more geographical. All information is, of course, relevant to the time it was written and needs to be confirmed, but the book on a whole is accurate for the time of the writing. This is a wonderful source for anyone that is trying to gain an understanding of the dark ages, especially from the viewpoint of the catholic church which essentially ruled the dark ages. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. technical problems with the text By J. Christensen Overall an excellent book; however, inspect it closely upon receiving it. My copy was missing over 20 pages of text, which I only discovered after reading over half the book. My attempts to obtain the missing pages from the publisher were not successful.

Adam of Bremen's history of the see of Hamburg and of Christian missions in northern Europe from the late eighth to the late eleventh century is the primary source of our knowledge of the history, geography, and ethnography of the Scandinavian and Baltic regions and their peoples before the thirteenth century. Arriving in Bremen in 1066 and soon falling under the tutelage of Archbishop Adalbert, who figures prominently in the narrative, Adam recorded the centuries-long campaign by his church to convert Slavic and Scandinavian peoples. His History vividly reflects the firsthand accounts he received from travelers, traders, and missionaries on the peripheries of medieval Europe.

Language Notes Text: English (translation) Original Language: Latin About the Author Francis J. Tschan was President of the American Catholic Historical Association. Tim Reuter is on the faculty of the department of history, University of Southampton, UK.