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Beowulf

New translation by Benedict Flynn

Read by **Crawford Logan**

The oldest long poem in Old English, written about 1000 AD, Beowulf tells the story of a great warrior in Southern Scandinavia in both youth and maturity. The monster Grendel terrorizes the Scyldings of Hrothgar's Danish Kingdom until Beowulf defeats him. As a result he has to face Grendel's enraged mother. Beowulf dies after a battle against a fierce dragon.

The tale is powerfully performed here by Crawford Logan in a lively modern translation from the original West Saxon dialect.



Crawford Logan is Scottish, lives in Scotland, and has been involved with a number of sagas over many years, including *The Archers*, *Dr Who*, *EastEnders*, *The Mousetrap* and *The Forsyte Saga*, all 2500 pages of it. He is married with very grown-up children, cooks, supports Stirling Albion FC, occasionally succeeds in making proper contact with a golf ball, and believes musicians to be as superhuman as Beowulf.

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