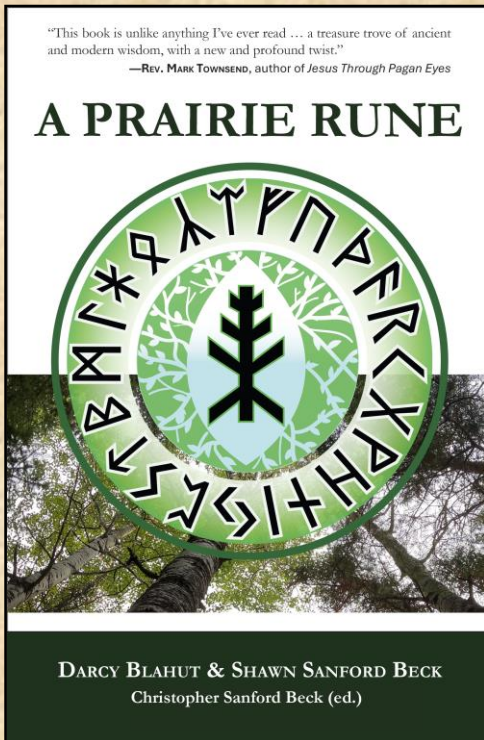


Darcy Blahut and Shawn Sanford Beck Author Reading

A Prairie Rune

Thursday, March 14, 7:00

John M. Cuelenaere Public Library, 125 12 Street East



Runes, roots, and reconciliation. Equal parts spiritual meditation, collaborative interpretation, and poetic exposition, A Prairie Rune explores the mysteries of the Old English / Anglo Saxon futhorc (rune poem) from a contemporary Christian Animist perspective. Blahut and Sanford Beck, after 30 years of friendship, write from their experiences of growing and living embedded within the beauty and sacredness of Treaty Six Territory, while wrestling with the painful inheritance of settler colonization. Together, they confront this unsettling history as settlers, and in the roots of their own mother tongue. The strange effect of their companion dialogue, side by side, means to leave readers at once poetically mystified and humbled before the land and the People of the Land. Through a reading of the runes, the text oscillates between prose and poetry—probing the deep realities of language, culture, and spirituality—and invites readers to delve along with them into a magical and grace-filled experience of life on the northern prairies, here on Turtle Island.

The Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck is a wizard-priest living and working on Treaty Six Territory from St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon. He blogs occasionally on WordPress about his ecosophian practice. You may also find conversations over his green priestcraft posted to YouTube. He has previously published a short monograph, entitled Christian Animism.



Darcy Blahut lives and works as a public servant in Prince Albert, on Treaty Six Territory. His literary CV spans forms of poetry, hymn, children's story, long fiction, and dramaturgy. Several of his poems, grounded in a patristic tradition, have been taken up as libretti by a host of international composers.

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