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But fate is inexorable and the enemies Uhtred has made and the oaths he has sworn combine to distract him from his dream of recapturing Bebbanburg. New enemies enter into the fight for England's kingdoms: the redoubtable Constantin of Scotland seizes an opportunity for conquest and leads his armies south. Britain's precarious peace threatens to turn into a war of annihilation.

But Uhtred is determined that nothing, neither the new enemies nor the old foes who combine against him, will keep him from his birth right. He is the Lord of Bebbanburg, but he will need all the skills he has learned in a lifetime of war to make his dream come true. The latest chapter in Bernard Cornwell's "violent, absorbing historical saga," *The Flame Bearer* confirms Bernard Cornwell's title as "perhaps the greatest writer of historical adventure novels today" (*Washington Post*).

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“Another rollicking Saxon tale.... No lit-fic pretensions here: historical fiction rendered, with little expansion, via battles and royal intrigue and portraits of day-to-day life circa 1000 B.C.E.” (*Kirkus*)

“Vivid, fast-paced.... Treachery and trickery mark the tenth volume in Cornwell’s always exciting Saxon Tales.” (*Library Journal*)

“Rousing...will not disappoint.” (Margaret Flanagan, *Booklist*)

“The final battle is one for the ages, bursting with gory detail and flush with savage death as the wolves of the shield wall smite his enemies.” (Lee Scott, *Florida Times-Union*)

“As with all his previous books Cornwell grabs your attention right off the bat. His masterful style pulls you right in.” (*New York Journal of Books*)

“Fascinating.... Blends historic fact with fiction seamlessly.” (Glen Seeber, *The Oklahoman*)

“The battle description might well be Cornwell’s best yet, which is saying something. Fans do not want to miss this episode.” (Bookloons.com)

“Bernard Cornwell ranks as the current alpha male of testosterone-enriched historical fiction.... Cornwell offers dramatic battle scenes with big swinging swords. There is also treachery, male bonding, plenty of historical nuggets and a skillful examination of the powerful role played by religion in the Dark Ages.” (*USA Today*)

“The most prolific and successful historical novelist in the world today.... Mr. Cornwell writes as if he has been to ninth-century Wessex and back. . . . Much has changed since the ninth century, but some things, and some feelings, are timeless.” (*Wall Street Journal*)

“Our hero is Uhtred, a good-hearted lout with a pleasantly sour disposition; he’s like a 9th century Han Solo.” (*Time*)

From the Back Cover

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About the Author

BERNARD CORNWELL is the author of the acclaimed *New York Times* bestselling Saxon Tales series, which includes *The Last Kingdom*, *The Pale Horseman*, *Lords of the North*, *Sword Song*, *The Burning Land*, *Death of Kings*, *The Pagan Lord*, and, most recently, *The Empty Throne*, and which serves as the basis for the hit television series *The Last Kingdom*. He lives with his wife on Cape Cod and in Charleston, South Carolina.

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