Record Nr. UNINA9910136701903321 Autore Laxness Halldor Titolo Wayward Heroes Pubbl/distr/stampa New York:,: Steerforth Press,, 2016 ©2016 **ISBN** 0-914671-10-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (333 pages) Classificazione FIC019000FIC010000FIC002000 Altri autori (Persone) RoughtonPhillip 839.6934 Disciplina Soggetti Iceland Fiction Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Sommario/riassunto "Published in 1952, Wayward Heroes is part of the body of works for which Laxness was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1955. It is a masterfully written tragicomedy about the oath-brothers Thorgeir and Thormod, inspired by the old Icelandic sagas Saga of the Sworn Brothers and Saga of Saint Olaf. The brothers fight for glory, raid for treasure, and seduce women against the backdrop of a new cult of Christianity. But where the old sagas depict their heroes as glorious champions, Laxness does the opposite. As Thormod avenges Thorgeir's death, he demonstrates the senselessness of violence and the endlessly cyclical nature of

obsession"--