The work translated in this volume is a late twelfth-century Latin account of the kings of Norway from Haraldr hárfagri, who became prime ruler of the country about the middle of the ninth century, to Sigurðr Magnússon, called the Jerusalem-farer, who died in 1130. Although he stops there, the author, in a remarkably personal way, implies that the past has lessons closely relevant to the political situation and church–state relations of his own time. The book provides an interesting comparison with the better-known vernacular histories of Norway written in the following century in Iceland, such as Fagrskinna and Snorri Sturluson’s Heimskringla, as well as with Saxo Grammaticus’s Gesta Dannorum.