



Stolen Away

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Where will Kiera's
heart lead her?

Keira, kidnapped from her home in Ireland by the Viking hordes, is forced to travel as a slave to the legendary Vinland (today's Newfoundland). Her masters, a band of Viking colonists, attempt to settle in this new world, lush with food and forests. But Vinland is an island already claimed. Two native bands, the Beothuck and the invading Thule, are fighting for the rights to the island as well, thrusting the beleaguered Vikings into an unwanted war.

Although Keira is well treated by the Viking family for whom she works, nevertheless, she dreams of returning to her family in Ireland.

Thorfinn, the leader of the Viking settlers, decides that the colonists must find a second home before they are destroyed by their powerful adversaries. While searching for a new home, a freak accident

at sea leaves Keira miraculously saved by a Beothuck warrior. To Keira's amazement, the warrior has knowledge of her Irish homeland. Keira settles into the Beothuk way of life, learning their customs and language and eventually coming to care for this hardy tribe of people. Meanwhile, she desperately tries to unravel the mysteries of her rescuers as she risks everything in order to find a way back home.

Ultimately, Keira is torn between the two or three worlds in which she has lived: her homeland Ireland, the Viking world in which she was welcomed, or her new Beothuk friends.

Stolen Away is a thrilling adventure story and an introduction to the reader to the very earliest history of our continent.

Dinsdale's previous novel, *Broken Circle*, earned a Great Book designation from the Canadian Toy Testing Council.

This is an exciting adventure story with a strong female protagonist that boys and girls will love!
Strong Canadian pre-historical content

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