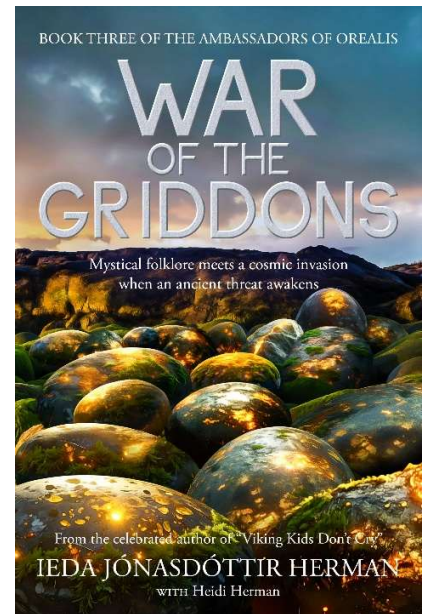


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Description:

At a hospital, Kalli Kristjansson overhears the name of his long-lost grandfather, Gunnar Ebbason. Rushing to his room, Kalli hears Gunnar raving about Griddons and the Hidden People. After Gunnar collapses, Kalli has a vision where the Queen of the Hidden in Álfaborg calls on the Ambassadors of Orealis for help: the Griddons' long-dormant eggs on a black-sand beach are hatching and already feeding. They're calling their ancient queen through a weakening portal. Kalli is pulled into a world he never knew existed, one that holds shocking personal secrets, like being linked to the dragon-like creatures. With his friends, Finna and Erik, Kalli rushes to stop the Griddons before they breach the portal and bring an entire army to devour Earth's inhabitants. A fast-paced fantasy about secret bloodlines, impossible courage, and one teenage boy holding together the fragile seal between worlds—until he might have to pay the ultimate price.

Author's background:

Íeda Jónasdóttir Herman was born 1925 in Reykjavik, Iceland. At age nineteen she married an American serviceman, and after WWII ended, they made their home in Illinois. Over the years they raised 10 children whom Íeda entertained with folktales of her homeland. Ieda graduated from the Chicago School of Interior Design and later the Institute of Children's Literature, in Connecticut. She has written numerous articles for newspaper and magazines, and has conducted community college adult education seminars. Her natural enthusiasm has energized seminars participants at libraries, schools, women's clubs, and community groups. After retiring in 2009, and with her family grown, Íeda wrote her memoirs, and has since continued to write and share stories about Iceland. Íeda passed away on Leif Erikson Day, October 9, 2019 in Iowa.



Heidi Herman retired from telecommunications, releasing her first children's book in 2015. Since then, she's published twelve additional works in four genres. This marks her fourth collaboration with her mother, Ieda.