



IS VIOLENCE EFFECTIVE?

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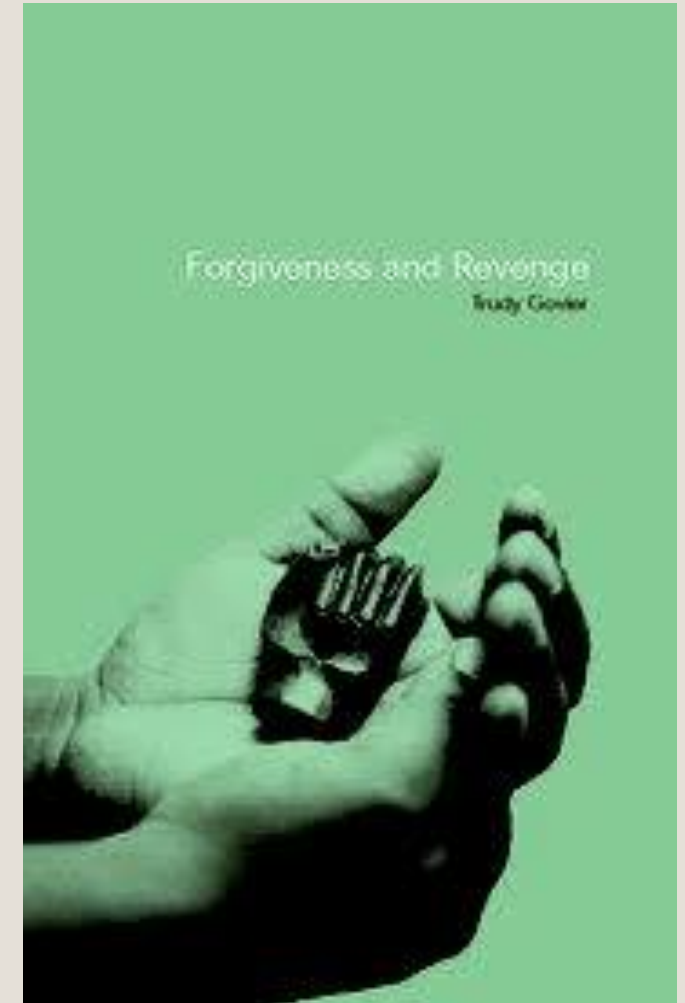


INTRODUCTION

- Follows the life of Thorfinn, a young violent mercenary who seeks revenge
- Story is set in 11th century Iceland where violence is often glorified
- My paper explores how the anime glorifies revenge driven violence only to show it's futility
- We can draw real world parallels from the lessons in Vinland Saga
- Ultimately encourages pacifism and shows the dangers of violent revenge

"Campaigns for revenge can easily become obsessive. Rather than proceeding with her own life and projects, and enjoying relationships and projects for their own sake, the vindictive person concentrates energies on past grievances, rage, hatred of an offender, and destructive plots"

quote by Trudy Goveir



Real life Parallel



GENOCIDE MASQUERADING AS JUSTICE

- After Oct. 7, Israel launched mass military retaliation
- Tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians killed
- Homes, hospitals, schools destroyed
- Framed as “justice” but it's state-sanctioned violence

CONNECTION TO VINLAND SAGA

- Retribution replaces morality
- No peace achieved, only mass suffering and conditions for growing resentment

