

BEOWULF

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Fitt XV [991–1049]

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H. gives B. gifts [1020–1049]

Fitt XVI [1050–1124]

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Scop sings TALE OF FINN [1071 ff.]

Fitt XVII [1125–1191]

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 and her realm [1357–1376]
 H. promises to pay B. to kill GM [1376]

Fitt XXI [1383–1472]

Beowulf agrees [1384–1396]
 Danes & Geats track GM [1399–1424]
 They see the Mere [1425]
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 its body is retrieved and inspected [1437]
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Fitt XXII [1473–1556]

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 GM stabs at B [1545]

Fitt XXIII [1557–1650]

Beowulf grabs a giant's sword [1563]
 and beheads GM [1566]
 the sword gleams with light [1570]
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 Scyldings abandon the Mere [1601]
 Giant sword melts [1606]
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 and tells of HEREMOD [1709–1724]
 and gives sage advice [1724 ff.]

Fitt XXV [1740–1816]

H's advice concludes [1740–1784]
 Geats & Danes feast [1787 ff.]

Fitt XXVI [1817–1887]

Beowulf gives a speech [1818–1839]
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 and gives B. 12 treasures [1867 ff.]

Fitt XXVII [1888–1962]

Geats return to Coastguard [1890]
 who receives gold-wrapped sword [1900]
 Ship is rigged out and sails [1903–1913]
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 Geats process to Hygelac's hall [1925]
 Queen Hygd is described [1926]
 Hygd recalls MODTHRYTH [1931–1962]

Fitt XXVIII [1963–2038]

Hygelac hears of B's arrival [1970]
 H & B make speeches [1979]
 Hygd bears the cup [1981]
 and gives a speech [1987–1998]
 B. replies [2000 ff.]
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Fitt XXIX [2039–2092]

FREAWARU prophecy continues [–2069]
 B retells the story of G and GM [2070 ff.]

Fitt XXX [2093–2143]

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Fitt XXXI [2144–2220]

Beowulf concludes his speech [2151]
 and describes his gifts [2152 ff.]
 Hygelac gives B. a sword [2191]
 and 7000 hides of land, hall, throne [2195]
SWEDISH WARS are described [2200 ff.]
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Fitt XXXII [2221–2311]

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LAY OF THE LAST SURVIVOR [2233–2270]
 The Dragon is described [2270 ff.]

Fitt XXXIII [2312–2390]

Dragon attacks towns [2312–2323]
 Beowulf is told [2324]
 and gears up [2327]
 Recollects battle with Frisians [2354 ff.]

Fitt XXXIV [2391–2459]

Recollection of wars concludes [–2396]
 Thirteen men go out [2402] to the cave [2410]
 Beowulf gives a speech [2426 ff.]
 Herebald killed his brother [2440]
 Ritual hanging [2446]

Fitt XXXV [2460–2601]

Swedish Wars recounted
 Ravenswood [2480 ff.] cf. XL and XLI
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 B. will fight alone [2511 ff.]
 B. shouts for dragon [2552]
 They engage battle [2570]
 B's sword breaks [2577] (see 2680)
 Hearhtroop hides in the woods [2598]

Fitt XXXVI [2602–2693]

Wiglaf described [2602]
 W. recollects oath [2606]
 W's sword is described [2610–2625]
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 W. joins Beowulf [2661]
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 B's sword Nægling shatters [2680]
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Fitt XXXVII [2694–2751]

Wiglaf stabs the Dragon [2700]
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Fitt XXXVIII [2752–2820]

Wiglaf gathers Dragon's treasure [2756]
 contains flagon, cup, helmet, arm bands,
 ensign, swords, jewels, gold [2757–2777]
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Fitt XXXIX [2821–2891]

Requiem for the Dragon [2824–2835]
 Ten cowardly retainers shamed [2850]
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 and takes their gold [2886]

Fitt XL [2892–2945]

Messenger brings news [2900 ff.]
 and prophesizes war [2910 ff.]
 tells of Ravenswood, Frisians, & Swedes

Fitt XLI [2946–3057]

War prophecy continues [–3027]
 parallels with Grendel, GM, and Dragon
 All go to Cape of Eagles to see B & D [3031]
 Dragon & treasure described [3039–3050]
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Fitt XLII [3058–3136]

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Fitt XLIII [3137–3182]

Song of the Geatish women [3150]
 Barrow's beacon built [3159]
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