



First *Beowulf* Symposium:
Who's Afraid of the Big, Bad Beowulf?

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The Thirteenth Warrior

A *Beowulf* Movie

Friday March 23, 2007 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
CDN 60 (formerly AED 60), ASU Tempe



The Thirteenth Warrior stars Antonio Banderas as an Arabic courtier, Ahmed Ibn Fahdlan, and Vladimir Kulich as a Viking chieftain, "Buliwyf".

The Thirteenth Warrior is based on Michael Crichton's *The Eaters of the Dead*, which loosely derives its plot from *Beowulf* and the actual records of Ibn Fahdlan's journey from Baghdad to the north. *The Eaters of the Dead* could be called 'fightin' words'! Supposedly, the book was Crichton's response to a friend's claim that *Beowulf* belongs to the "Bores of Literature". Crichton sought to prove him wrong.

Before the movie, there will be a short introduction explaining how *The Thirteenth Warrior* has used the epic poem *Beowulf* for its own purposes. What is lost in translation? What is gained?



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