

Scotland

Castles of Scotland

A must for all those who want to visit Scotland's many castles. The book covers all of the country's famous strongholds, as well as many lesser-known places, with location, access, visitor facilities, and contact details. There is a map, many photos, a glossary of architectural terms, and a family-name index, allowing the reader to identify any castle associated with their family.

When Scotland Was Jewish

The popular image of Scotland is dominated by widely recognized elements of Celtic culture. But a significant non-Celtic influence on Scotland's history has been largely ignored for centuries? This book argues that much of Scotland's history and culture from 1100 forward is Jewish. The authors provide evidence that many of the national heroes, villains, rulers, nobles, traders, merchants, bishops, guild members, burgesses, and ministers of Scotland were of Jewish descent, their ancestors originating in France and Spain. Much of the traditional historical account of Scotland, it is proposed, rests on fundamental interpretive errors, perpetuated in order to affirm Scotland's identity as a Celtic, Christian society. A more accurate and profound understanding of Scottish history has thus been buried. The authors' wide-ranging research includes examination of census records, archaeological artifacts, castle carvings, cemetery inscriptions, religious seals, coinage, burgess and guild member rolls, noble genealogies, family crests, portraiture, and geographic place names.

The Last King of Scotland

What would it be like to become Idi Amin's personal physician? Giles Foden's bestselling thriller is the story of a young Scottish doctor drawn into the heart of the Ugandan dictator's surreal and brutal regime. Privy to Amin's thoughts and ambitions, he is both fascinated and appalled. As Uganda plunges into civil chaos he realises action is imperative - but which way should he jump?

Wild Guide Scotland

A new compendium of adventures, from the best-selling Wild Guide series (winner of travel guidebook of the year 2015). This guide to Scotland and the Scottish highlands and islands, one of Europe's fastest growing adventure holiday destinations, explores the hidden parts of its better known tourist areas, as well many more remote regions, rarely visited by tourists. Guiding you to over 800 wild swims, ancient forests, lost ruins and hidden beaches. Including inns, wild camping, local crafts, artisan whisky distilleries and wild places to stay.

Where are the Women?

Can you imagine a different Scotland, a Scotland where women are commemorated in statues and streets and buildings - even in the hills and valleys? This is a guidebook to that alternative nation, where the cave on Staffa is named after Malvina rather than Fingal, and Arthur's Seat isn't Arthur's, it belongs to St Triduana. Where you arrive into Dundee at Slessor Station and the Victorian monument on Stirling's Abbey Hill interprets national identity not as a male warrior but through the women who ran hospitals during the First World War. The West Highland Way ends at Fort Mary. The Old Lady of Hoy is a prominent Orkney landmark. And the plinths in central Glasgow proudly display statues of suffragettes. In this 'imagined atlas' fictional streets, buildings, statues and monuments are dedicated to real women, telling their often untold or

unknown stories. For most of recorded history, women have been sidelined, if not silenced, by men who named the built environment after themselves. Now is the time to look unflinchingly at Scotland's heritage and bring those women who have been ignored to light. Sara Sheridan explores beyond the traditional male-dominated histories to reveal a new picture of Scotland's history and heritage.

A Course Called Scotland

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * “One of the best golf books this century.” —Golf Digest Tom Coyne’s *A Course Called Scotland* is a heartfelt and humorous celebration of his quest to play golf on every links course in Scotland, the birthplace of the game he loves. For much of his adult life, bestselling author Tom Coyne has been chasing a golf ball around the globe. When he was in college, studying abroad in London, he entered the lottery for a prized tee time in Scotland, grabbing his clubs and jumping the train to St. Andrews as his friends partied in Amsterdam; later, he golfed the entirety of Ireland’s coastline, chased pros through the mini-tours, and attended grueling Qualifying Schools in Australia, Canada, and Latin America. Yet, as he watched the greats compete, he felt something was missing. Then one day a friend suggested he attempt to play every links course in Scotland and qualify for the greatest championship in golf. The result is *A Course Called Scotland*, “a fast-moving, insightful, often funny travelogue encompassing the width of much of the British Isles” (*GolfWeek*), including St. Andrews, Turnberry, Dornoch, Prestwick, Troon, and Carnoustie. With his signature blend of storytelling, humor, history, and insight, Coyne weaves together his “witty and charming” (*Publishers Weekly*) journey to more than 100 legendary courses in Scotland with compelling threads of golf history and insights into the contemporary home of golf. As he journeys Scotland in search of the game’s secrets, he discovers new and old friends, rediscovers the peace and power of the sport, and, most importantly, reaffirms the ultimate connection between the game and the soul. It is “a must-read” (*Golf Advisor*) rollicking love letter to Scotland and golf as no one has attempted it before.

Spectacular Scotland

Breathtaking photography captures the soul and passion of this spectacular land of bagpipes, heather, thistle, and tartans. This enchanting collection of images celebrates Scotland’s world-famous vistas—the lofty highlands, placid lochs, and misty glens, the picturesque villages, the vibrant cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow, the ancient castles, the breathtaking pastoral scenes, as well as the people who take pride in it all. An outstanding gift or souvenir, *Spectacular Scotland* brings the best of this wonderful country into sharp focus. This is a magnificent collection of 150 color photographs by some of Scotland’s best landscape photographers.

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Chronicles the social, economic, and political history of Scotland, starting with its earliest peoples in 7000 B.C. and wrapping up with a discussion of eighteenth-century author Sir Walter Scott.

A History Of Scotland

The dramatic story of Scotland - by charismatic television historian, Neil Oliver. Scotland is one of the oldest countries in the world with a vivid and diverse past. Yet the stories and figures that dominate Scottish history - tales of failure, submission, thwarted ambition and tragedy - often badly serve this great nation, overshadowing the rich tapestry of her intricate past. Historian Neil Oliver presents a compelling new portrait of Scottish history, peppered with action, high drama and centuries of turbulence that have helped to shape modern Scotland. Along the way, he takes in iconic landmarks and historic architecture; debunks myths surrounding Scotland's famous sons; recalls forgotten battles; charts the growth of patriotism; and explores recent political developments, capturing Scotland's sense of identity and celebrating her place in the wider world.

Rick Steves Best of Scotland

Hit Scotland's can't-miss sights, bites, and history in two weeks or less with Rick Steves Best of Scotland! Expert advice from Rick Steves on what's worth your time and money One- to three-day itineraries covering Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, the Highlands, and the Isle of Skye Rick's tips for beating the crowds, skipping lines, and avoiding tourist traps The best of local culture, flavors, and haunts, including walks through the most interesting neighborhoods and museums Trip planning strategies like how to link destinations and design your itinerary, what to pack, where to stay, and how to get around Over 80 full-color maps and vibrant photos Experience the magic of Scotland for yourself with Rick Steves Best of Scotland! Planning a longer trip? Rick Steves Scotland is the classic, in-depth guide to spending more than two weeks exploring the country.

Outlander's Guide to Scotland

'One of the best guide books ... all that you need to ensure a thoroughly enjoyable do-it-yourself Outlander tour.' – Outlander Home Page 'Beautifully presented ... and the print quality of the book is top-notch.' – Scottish Field 'Billow and breeze, islands and seas, Mountains of rain and sun...' Since 18th-century Highland warrior Jamie Fraser and resourceful 20th century medic, Claire Randall first met on screen in 2014, millions of viewers have been swept away by the Outlander TV series to the wild hills and craggy castles of Scotland. Now you can follow in the footsteps of Claire and Jamie with this guide to the inspiring locations where Diana Gabaldon's novels were set and the hit tv show were filmed. From the ancient cobbled streets, gabled palace and herb garden of Culross, which became fictional Cranesmuir, to the iconic 1960s Pathfoot Building at the University of Stirling, which Claire's daughter Brianna visits on her first trip to Scotland, you can time-travel through centuries. In Scotland, different eras coexist and collide – just as they do in Outlander. Focusing on easy day trips from the characterful cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow – themselves jam-packed with Outlander locations – this guide will tell you about the most rewarding sights, when to visit them and how to get there.

The Invention of Scotland

This book argues that while Anglo-Saxon culture has given rise to virtually no myths at all, myth has played a central role in the historical development of Scottish identity. Hugh Trevor-Roper explores three myths across 400 years of Scottish history: the political myth of the \"ancient constitution\" of Scotland; the literary myth, including Walter Scott as well as Ossian and ancient poetry; and the sartorial myth of tartan and the kilt, invented--ironically, by Englishmen--in quite modern times. Trevor-Roper reveals myth as an often deliberate cultural construction used to enshrine a people's identity. While his treatment of Scottish myth is highly critical, indeed debunking, he shows how the ritualization and domestication of Scotland's myths as local color diverted the Scottish intelligentsia from the path that led German intellectuals to a dangerous myth of racial supremacy. This compelling manuscript was left unpublished on Trevor-Roper's death in 2003 and is now made available for the first time. Written with characteristic elegance, lucidity, and wit, and containing defiant and challenging opinions, it will absorb and provoke Scottish readers while intriguing many others. \"I believe that the whole history of Scotland has been coloured by myth; and that myth, in Scotland, is never driven out by reality, or by reason, but lingers on until another myth has been discovered, or elaborated, to replace it.\"-Hugh Trevor-Roper

Walking in Scotland

With information on city strolls, coastal ambles & mountain hikes, this guide covers the whole Scottish experience on two feet. Learn about the myth & mystery, castles & crags as well as the marvelous malts. There are special sections on Scotland's magnificent flora & fauna & Classic Walks with a West Highland Way feature chapter. Learn about all the places to rest feet & work stomachs on any budget.

Scotland in Early Medieval Europe

This edited volume explores how (what is today) Scotland can be compared with, contrasted to, or was connected with other parts of Early Medieval Europe. Far from a 'dark age', Early Medieval Scotland (AD 300-900) was a crucible of different languages and cultures, the world of the Picts, Scots, Britons and Anglo-Saxons. Though long regarded as somehow peripheral to continental Europe, people in Early Medieval Scotland had mastered complex technologies and were part of sophisticated intellectual networks. This cross-disciplinary volume includes contributions focussing on archaeology, artefacts, art-history and history, and considers themes that connect Scotland with key processes and phenomena happening elsewhere in Europe. Topics explored include the transition from Iron Age to Early Medieval societies and the development of secular power centres, the Early Medieval intervention in prehistoric landscapes, and the management of resources necessary to build kingdoms.

Hidden Scotland

This new addition to Luster's successful, practical and attractive Hidden series, covering countries and regions, is the perfect book for those who wish to discover the most beautiful sides of Scotland. From jawdropping landscapes to interesting cities, Hidden Scotland will turn your trip into a memorable and unique experience. Experience the real beauty of Scotland through interesting lists such as the best places for streetfood in Edinburgh, the most beautiful hikes, the most surprising places to spend the night in the Highlands, the best mountain bike tracks in the South, must-visit distilleries for gin and whisky lovers and much more. With this guide your trip to Scotland will surely become a memorable and unique experience. Author Lauren MacCallum wants the readers of her guide to have an authentic Scottish experience, because there is so much more to Scotland than the main attractions and staged tourism you see on the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. Her book is a genuine ode to the real beauty of Scotland.

Blue Bells of Scotland

Shawn has a skyrocketing musical career, fans, fame, money, a beautiful girlfriend and all the women he wants. Everything changes when he falls asleep in a castle tower and wakes up in medieval Scotland. Mistaken for the castle's future laird, he is forced to make a dangerous cross-country trek with a beautiful woman wielding a knife, pursued by English soldiers and a Scottish traitor, to raise men for the critical battle at Bannockburn. Niall Campbell, Shawn's opposite in everything except looks, is no more happy to find himself caught in Shawn's life, pursued by women, the target of an angry girlfriend, expected to play a sell-out concert, and hearing the account of his own death and Scotland's annihilation at Bannockburn. He vows to figure out what went wrong at the battle, and find a way back to change it. Blue Bells of Scotland is both an action-packed adventure and a tale of redemption that will be remembered long after the last page has been turned

Minerals of Scotland

A comprehensive and definitive account of Scotland's minerals and the men who discovered, collected and examined them. This study includes sections on the collectors themselves as well as a brief account of Scotland's geological evolution.

Politics in Scotland

Politics in Scotland is an authoritative introduction to the contemporary political landscape in Scotland and an essential text for undergraduate and postgraduate students of Scottish Politics. Written by leading experts in the field, it is coherently organised to provide a clear and comprehensive overview of a range of themes in contemporary Scottish Politics. Key topics include: • Government and electoral behaviour. • Representation

and political parties in Scotland. • Public policy and Scotland's relationship with the rest of the world. • Scottish politics both in the run up to and after the 2014 referendum. • The Future of Scottish government and politics. This textbook will be essential reading for students of Scottish politics, British Politics, devolution, government and policy.

The Castles of Scotland

This new edition has been called \"the bible of Scottish castles.\" It is the only book to cover all of them -- a comprehensive reference and gazetteer to more than 2,700 castles and fortified sites. Heavily illustrated throughout with more than 300 photographs and drawings, this new edition has been completely revised, expanded, and updated, with information on 600 new sites. This is an easy-to-use alphabetical guide and gazetteer, with comprehensive listings, index of sites reputed to be haunted, a family names index, and twenty pages of maps locating every castle in Scotland. No castle enthusiast should be without this book. The culmination of ten years' research, The Castles of Scotland offers comprehensive information on the fortified buildings of Scotland, including histories, ownership, locations, facilities, and visitor access. The 2,700 sites discussed include the largest strongholds to the smallest ruins to mere sites. The history of a castle is as important as the physical remains. Some strongholds have a long and fascinating past yet no more than a vestige of their former strength survives, such as the castles at Inverness, Roxburgh, or Dunbar. Few castles can match the stark and romantic beauty of Eilean Donan Castle, or the majestic and imposing grandeur of Ballindalloch Castle or Crathes Castle, the dangerous cliffside setting of Dunnottar Castle, or the picturesque Kilchurn Castle. New for this edition: -- 670 new sites added -- historic houses and mansions open to the public now included -- improved and increased number of illustrations -- updated, corrected and more-detailed entries -- access details for the year 2001 and full list of facilities now included -- 16 pages of full color photographs added to the cloth edition

Nation to Nation

Scotland has a distinctive place in the world. Nation to Nation explores how this unique relationship with the rest of the world has developed over the years and how it manifests itself today. In this book Stephen Gethins combines his knowledge from years of work in the field - from the conflict zones of the former Soviet Union to the corridors of power in Westminster and Brussels - with insights from political, cultural and academic figures who have been at the heart of foreign policy in Scotland, the UK, Europe and North America. Gethins looks at Scotland's foreign policy to better inform the debate about our country's future and its relationships with its neighbours near and far.

Scotland: A History from Earliest Times

In this book, Alistair Moffat brings vividly to life the story of this great nation, from the dawn of prehistory through to the twenty-first century. Ambitious, richly detailed and highly readable, Scotland: A History From Earliest Times skilfully weaves together a dazzling array of fact and anecdote from a vast range of sources. The result is an imaginative, informative, balanced and varied portrait of Scotland, seen not just through the experience of the kings, saints, warriors, aristocrats and politicians who populate the pages of conventional history books, but also through that of ordinary people who have lived Scotland's history and have played their own important part in shaping its destiny.

Scotland's Books

From Treasure Island to Trainspotting, Scotland's rich literary tradition has influenced writing across centuries and cultures far beyond its borders. Here, for the first time, is a single volume presenting the glories of fifteen centuries of Scottish literature. In Scotland's Books the much loved poet Robert Crawford tells the story of Scottish imaginative writing and its relationship to the country's history. Stretching from the medieval masterpieces of St. Columba's Iona - the earliest surviving Scottish work - to the energetic world of

twenty-first-century writing by authors such as Ali Smith and James Kelman, this outstanding account traces the development of literature in Scotland and explores the cultural, linguistic and literary heritage of the nation. It includes extracts from the writing discussed to give a flavor of the original work, and its new research ranges from specially made translations of ancient poems to previously unpublished material from the Scottish Enlightenment and interviews with living writers. Informative and readable, this is the definitive single-volume guide to the marvelous legacy of Scottish literature.

Forty-four Scotland Street

When Pat rents a room in Edinburgh, she acquires some interesting neighbors--including a pushy Stockbridge mother and her talented, sax-playing, five-year-old son. Her job at an art gallery hardly keeps her busy until she suspects one painting in the collection may be an undiscovered work by a Scottish master.

Scotland--the Brand

Tartanry and 'Balmoralty': is Scotland's thriving heritage industry an economic blessing or the curse of negative stereotyping? Since the eighteenth century, heritage has been synonymous with 'heritage tourism'. This book is the first to explore the images which this industry conveys and to analyse its centrality to Scotland's definition of itself. Based on an influential study by three leading sociologists, it examines the specific role and character of the major players in Scottish heritage - the National Trust for Scotland, the Scottish Tourist Board and Historic Scotland - as well as the lairds who have a stake in the industry. In describing its consumers, the authors show how heritage fits into their patterns of leisure, consumption and lifestyle. It also discusses the importance of 'heritage' (as opposed to 'history') to the country's identity and politics.

Golf in Scotland

Designed to help travelers plan their own golf trips to Scotland. Seven chapters offer advice on when to go, where to go, air travel, rental cars, lodging, and other travel decisions. St. Andrews receives special attention in its own chapter. Extensive descriptions of sixty-eight Scottish courses and their settings feature complete contact and booking information. Appendices include a \"Golf-Readiness Checklist,\" a list of useful websites, and an annotated bibliography for further reading.

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Includes Edinburgh pull-out map attached to inside back cover.

Scotland's Choices

Scotland faces its biggest choice since the 1707 union that made the United Kingdom - should Scotland be an independent country? The Yes and No campaigns are well under way but with the vote looming closer the information available to the public is still limited. What will happen after the referendum? What are the international implications? What about the UK's nuclear deterrent, currently housed in Scotland? What happens if the vote is 'No'? Is it even clear what independence will mean? What about the oil? What will the currency be? What will happen to the Old Age Pension pot if the UK splits? Scotland's Choices, now fully revised for the critical last few months before the referendum, does just that. Written by one former civil servant, one academic and one think-tanker - one a resident Scot, one a Scot living in England and one an Englishman - the authors clearly explain the issues you may not have considered and detail how each of the options would be put into place after the referendum.

The Noble Houses of Scotland

This enlightening, lavishly illustrated architectural and historical tour explores the unique flavor of Scotland's great houses. Written from a perspective that is at once personal and scholarly, this unique book examines Scotland's distinctive country-house architecture. Illustrated with more than 200 photographs, drawings and plans, the book guides the reader through the singular features of Scottish noble homes: the stately setting, the balanced facade, the formal appointments and fashionable furnishings, explaining how each was achieved. Architectural historian Charles Wemyss investigates the aspirations of the Scottish nobility and explores the underlying reasons for such a multitude of castles: Scotland's close cultural relationship with France and northern Europe, the military origins of the nobility and the vital role of the Scottish Treasury. The book also profiles the country's leading architects: William Bruce, James Smith, William Adam and his celebrated sons, John, Robert, and James. Utterly engaging as well as informative, this book brings a fresh dimension to the study of Scotland's country houses, placing their achievement in the context of the country's economic, political, and social history.

Who Built Scotland

Experience a new history of Scotland told through its places. Writers Kathleen Jamie, Alexander McCall Smith, Alistair Moffat, James Robertson and James Crawford pick twenty-five buildings to tell the story of the nation. Travelling across the country, from abandoned islands and lonely glens to the heart of our modern cities, these five authors seek out the diverse narrative of the Scottish people. Follow Kathleen Jamie as she searches for the traces of our first family hearths in the Cairngorms and makes a midsummer journey to Shetland to meet the unlikely new inhabitants of an Iron Age broch. Tour the wondrous and macabre Surgeons' Hall with Alexander McCall Smith, or walk with him over sacred ground to Iona's ancient Abbey. Join Alistair Moffat as he discovers a lost whisky village in the wilds of Strathconon, and climbs up through the vertiginous layers of history in Edinburgh Castle. Accompany James Robertson as he goes from the standing stones of Callanish to the humble cottage of Hugh MacDiarmid - via the engineering colossus of the Forth Rail Bridge. And journey with James Crawford from a packed crowd in Hampden Park, to an off-the-grid eco-bothy on the Isle of Eigg. Who Built Scotland is a landmark exploration of Scotland's social, political and cultural histories. Moving from Neolithic families, exiled hermits and ambitious royal dynasties to highland shieling girls, peasant poets, Enlightenment philosophers and iconoclastic artists, it places our people, our ideas and our passions at the heart of our architecture and archaeology. This is the remarkable story how we have shaped our buildings and how our buildings, in turn, have shaped us.

A Super Scotland Activity Book

Discover Scotland with this bright and lively activity and sticker book that's bursting with a huge variety of things to do: dot-to-dots, mazes, spot the difference, word games, picture and number puzzles, things to spot, plus over XXX stickers!

Scotland's Foreshore

Explores how internet use empowers Arab citizens.

Scotland's Medieval Queens

Discover Scotland's turbulent history through the lives of its medieval queens, who ruled, loved, and sacrificed for their nation. Scotland's history is dramatic, violent and bloody. Being England's northern neighbour has never been easy. Scotland's queens have had to deal with war, murder, imprisonment, political rivalries and open betrayal. They have loved and lost, raised kings and queens, ruled and died for Scotland. From St Margaret, who became one of the patron saints of Scotland, to Elizabeth de Burgh and the dramatic story of the Scottish Wars of Independence, to the love story and tragedy of Joan Beaufort, to Margaret of

Denmark and the dawn of the Renaissance, Scotland's Medieval Queens have seen it all. This is the story of Scotland through their eyes.

Scotland's Best Churches

In this book a hundred and eighty-four churches still used for worship are illustrated with line drawings and photographs, with pithy texts drawing out where they fit into the fabric of Scotland, and into nearly a thousand years of church construction.

Evolution of Scotland's Towns

A new analysis of mind/body unity, based on the philosophy of Spinoza.

Scotland's Harvest

This study is the first exploration of the impact of World War Two on Scottish poets of both the front line and the home front. World War One has always been thought of as a poet's war, one of horror and futility. The poetry of World War Two, by contrast, has long languished in its shadow, though there was a much greater amount of it written. This book asks whether these poets felt they were grown for war or rather that they grew through war experience, with an emphasis on the possibilities of the future instead of cataloguing the senseless horror of the battlefield. How were the hopes of Scottish poets different from their English counterparts? How was their poetry different, and how did it impact on their later lives?

Scotland's Referendum and the Media

After the Referendum on whether Scotland should become an independent country in September 2014 'and following a momentous mobilisation of voters by both the Yes and No campaigns' Scotland's political environment has been fundamentally energised. But how was the Referendum campaign reported and structured in the media in Scotland, the wider United Kingdom, and in other parts of the world, and was it a matter of 'construction' rather than 'representation'? In this book scholars, commentators and journalists from Britain, Europe and beyond examine how the media across the world presented the debate itself and the shifting nature of Scottish and British identity which that debate revealed. Several of the contributors also explore how the emphases and constructions which were put on the debate in their particular countries illuminated these countries' own responses to nationalism and separatism. The consequences of the Referendum's No result are traced in the media through until the May general election of 2015.

North Sea Oil and Scotland's Economic Prospects

This book, originally published in 1978 concentrates on the structure and growth of the North Sea oil industry in Scotland. Drawing on relevant areas of economic theory, it examines the structure of the offshore Scottish oil industry, the employment generated by the industry, technological change created by oil and its impact on rural areas of the Highlands. For each subject discussed future developments are discussed which remain as pertinent today as when the book was first published, particularly given the issues surrounding Scotland's economic in relation to possible Scottish independence.

Photographing Scotland

PHOTOGRAPHING SCOTLAND is a photography-location and visitor guidebook. If you are a keen photographer who can't miss a sunrise or are on holiday using a mobile phone camera, this guidebook will take you to the most beautiful and photogenic places in Scotland. In this extensive photo-location and visitor

guidebook, award winning Scottish photographer Dougie Cunningham explores and describes the most beautiful places in Scotland to visit and photograph. From Glencoe to Glen Torridon, Skye to Shetland, Callanish to Cairngorm, this guidebook reveals the islands and mountains, glens and lochs, rivers and coastline and visits ancient stone circles, fortified houses, medieval castles, crofts and peel towers. The classic views are included and many more lesser known and hidden gems amongst the Lowlands, Highlands and Islands of this spectacular country. Also included are photographic tours of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and a handy list of the best Scottish whiskey distilleries to visit. This book is divided into five sections LOWLANDS, EASTERN HIGHLANDS, WESTERN HIGHLANDS, WESTERN ISLES ¿ Inner and Outer Hebrides, THE FAR NORTH ¿ including the Orkney & Shetland Isles.

Scotland in the Eighteenth Century

Eighteenth-century Scotland underwent massive transformation. Once a small and isolated country with an unenviable reputation for poverty and instability, by 1800 it was emerging, within a triumphant British state, as an economic powerhouse, a major colonial power and an internationally-acclaimed centre of European philosophy, science and literature. In search of explanations, this full history explores the experiences and responses of a people whose world was being fundamentally reconfigured. Starting with the momentous Act of Union, it traces the unsuccessful Jacobite rebellions and bewildering encounters with commercial development, industrialisation and social change, to the extraordinary cultural achievements of the Scottish Enlightenment and the exploitation of the unprecedented opportunities available in England, India and North America. Not least, this book offers some topical and thought-provoking lessons from a dramatic period when, willingly or with great reluctance, the Scots adapted themselves to rapidly changing circumstances. It could hardly be more relevant to the issues of the British state today. David Allan is Lecturer in Scottish History at the University of St Andrews.

The History of Scotland, from the Earliest Accounts of that Nation, to the Reign of King James VI. Translated from the Latin of George Buchanan. ...

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