



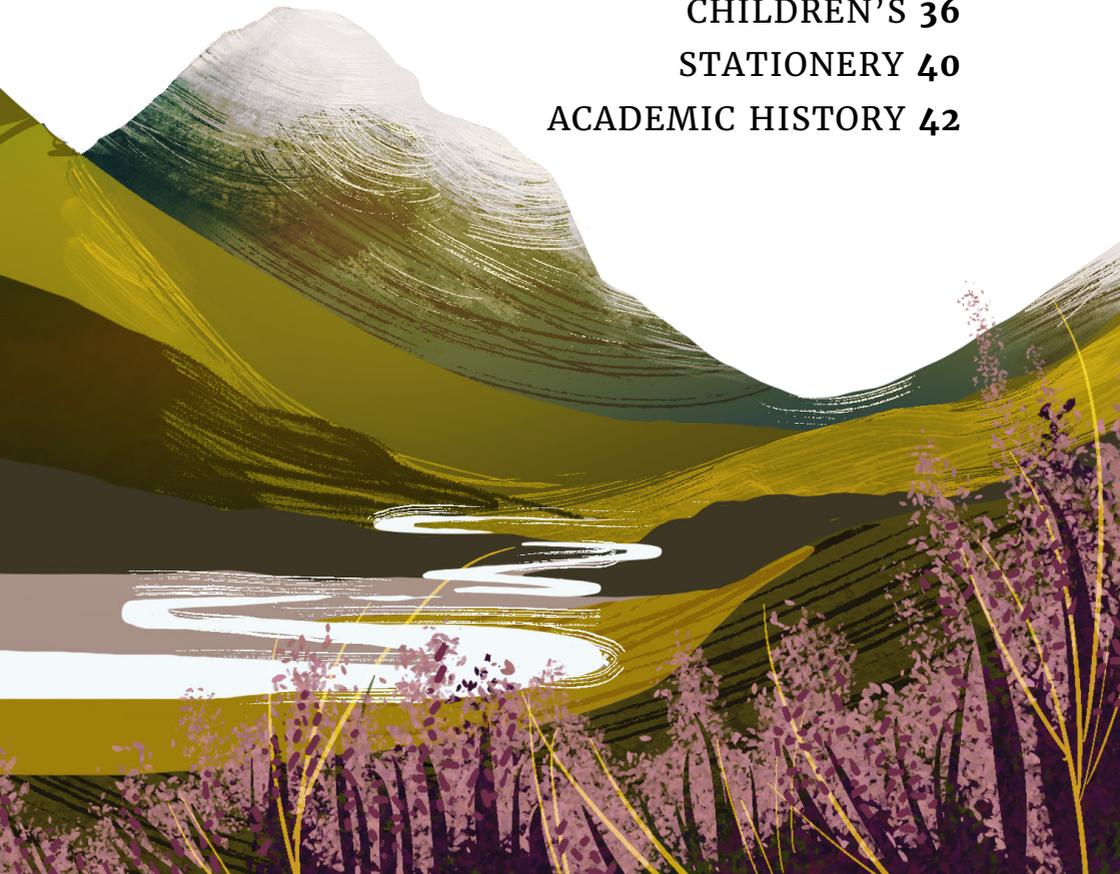
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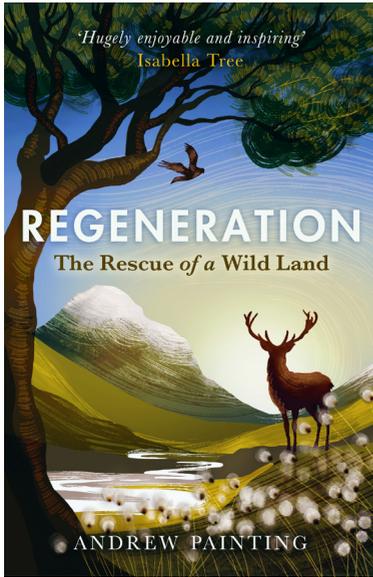
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**ANDREW PAINTING** grew up in the south of England and studied English at King's College, London and Environmental Anthropology at Aberdeen University. He moved to Scotland to volunteer with the RSPB and since 2016 has been Assistant Ecologist at the Mar Lodge Estate.

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# Regeneration

## The Rescue of a Wild Land

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**'Hugely enjoyable and inspiring'  
– Isabella Tree**

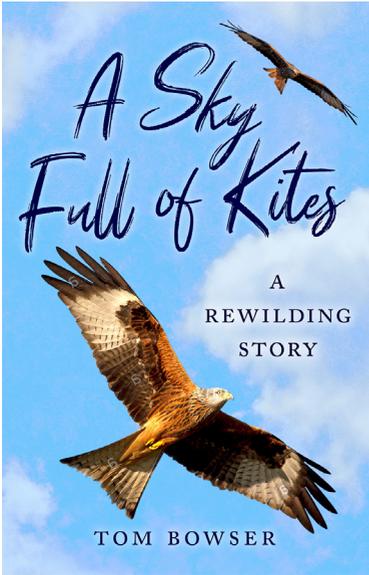
In 1995 the National Trust for Scotland acquired Mar Lodge Estate in the heart of the Cairngorms. After 25 years of extremely hard work, the pinewoods, bogs, moors and mountains of this magnificent reserve are returning to their former glory.

Regeneration is the story of this success, featuring not only the people who are protecting the land and quietly working to undo the wrongs of the past, but also the myriad creatures which inspire them to do so.

**Mar Lodge is now one of the most successful examples of rewilding in the UK**

**For fans of James Reebanks' *A Shepherd's Life*, Isabella Tree's *Wilding* and *Native* by Patrick Laurie**

**A moving story of hope in an age of environmental destruction**



# A Sky Full of Kites

## A Rewilding Story

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Red kites were once Britain's most common bird of prey. By the early 1900s they'd been wiped out following centuries of ruthless persecution. When reintroduced kites began roosting on their 1,400-acre family farm at Argaty, Tom Bowser and his parents decided to turn their estate into a safe haven.

*A Sky Full of Kites* is the story of the Argaty Red Kite project, and the re-establishing of these magnificent raptors to Scotland. Tom Bowser reveals his passion for nature and his desire to dedicate his family's land to conservation.

**The inspirational story of the reintroduction of one of Britain's most majestic birds of prey**

**At a time when Britain's wildlife is in major decline, this is a tale of hope about the positive differences that people can make**

**TOM BOWSER** grew up on his parents' Perthshire farm. After university he worked as a teacher and then as a journalist before returning to Argaty in 2009. In 2017 he took over the running of the conservation project Argaty Red Kites, and in 2018 launched the Argaty Red Squirrels project.

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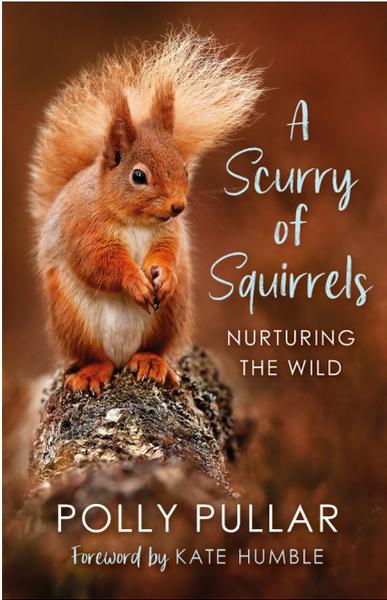
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**POLLY PULLAR** is a field naturalist, writer, photographer and wildlife rehabilitator who grew up in Ardnamurchan. She is a much-loved contributor to a wide selection of publications and has written numerous best-selling books.

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# A Scurry of Squirrels

## Nurturing The Wild

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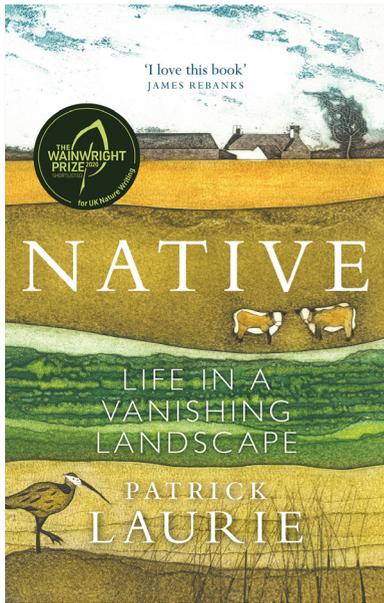
Polly Pullar has had a passion for red squirrels since childhood. As a wildlife rehabilitator, she knows the squirrel on a profoundly personal level and has hand-reared numerous litters of orphan kits, eventually returning them to the wild.

In this book she shares her experiences and love for the squirrel and explores how our perceptions have changed. Since its persecution in the 1960s we are now racing against time to ensure its long-term survival in an ever-changing world.

**An intimate and affectionate portrait of one of the nation's favourite animals**

**Polly Pullar is the author of the acclaimed *A Drop in the Ocean* and a co-author of *Fauna Scotica: Animals and People in Scotland***

**A combination of beautiful nature writing and entertaining anecdotes**



**PATRICK LAURIE** is a freelance journalist. As well as writing and farming, he works for Soil Association Scotland on a programme which supports conservation projects on farmland.

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# Native

## Life in a Vanishing Landscape

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**NEW IN PAPERBACK**

**'[A] beautifully written memoir ...  
unforced and utterly authentic'**  
– 5 Stars, *Mail on Sunday*

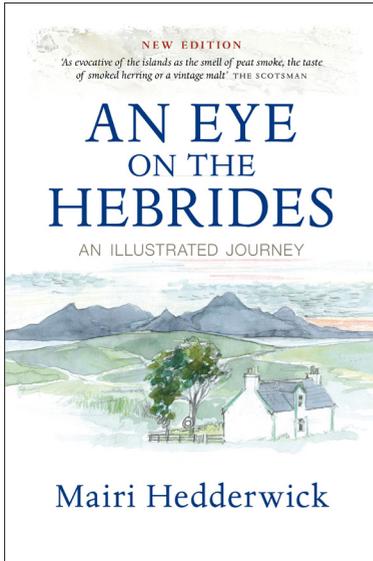
**'I will hand sell this book for decades  
to come. It's a gem'**  
– Patrick Neale

A poignant and moving book, *Native* weaves together folklore and science, tradition and progress to examine how we take what has passed and transform it for the future.

Patrick Laurie plunges into work on his family farm in the hills of southwest Scotland and is forced to face the reality of life in a vanishing landscape reassembling centuries of tradition.

**Shortlisted for The Wainwright Prize  
for UK Nature Writing 2020**

**A very moving and personal tale;  
for fans of Rosamund Young's  
*The Secret Life of Cows***



**MAIRI HEDDERWICK** has had a life-long love affair with islands and their small communities. She is the author of many children's and adult books including the popular Katie Morag series.

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# An Eye on the Hebrides

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**'A beautiful book ... as evocative of the islands as the smell of peat smoke, the taste of smoked herring or a vintage malt' – The Scotsman**

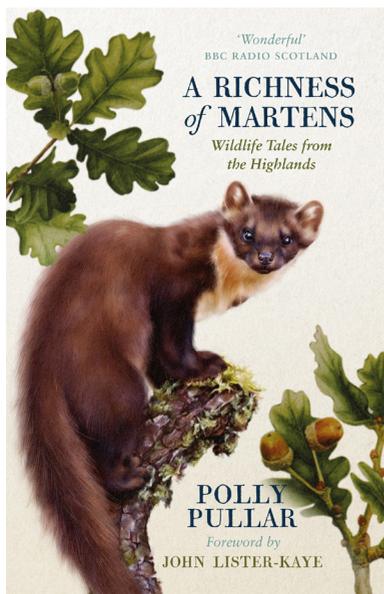
Mairi Hedderwick embarks on a six-month-long journey to 40 islands from Arran to Lewis, recounting her pilgrimage around the archipelago of the Western Isles with which she has had a lifelong love affair.

Filled with wit and wisdom that is matched by her spell-binding illustrations, Mairi Hedderwick portrays the islands in all their diversity, with swift and perceptive cameos of everyday life.

**A reissue of the acclaimed island classic by one of Scotland's favourite authors and illustrators, feature a new specially written introduction**

**Fully illustrated throughout with beautiful watercolours**

**Lifetime sales of over 75,000 copies**



**POLLY PULLAR** is a field naturalist, writer, photographer and wildlife rehabilitator who grew up in Ardnamurchan. She is a much-loved contributor to a wide selection of publications and has written numerous best-selling books.

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# A Richness of Martens

## Wildlife Tales from the Highlands

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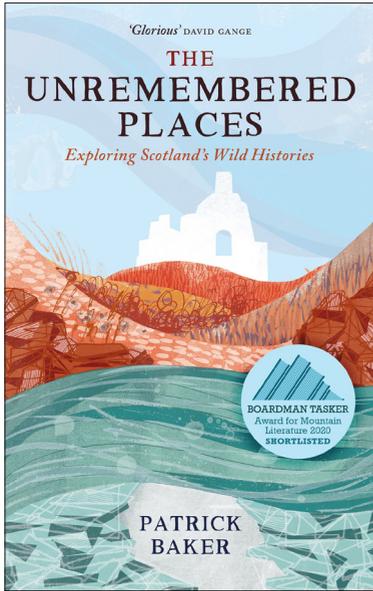
When Les and Chris Humphreys moved to Ardnamurchan 15 years ago, little did they realise they would be sharing their home with some of Britain's most elusive animals.

In this book Polly Pullar tells the remarkable story of the couple and their animal friends, interpolating it with natural history, anecdote and her own experiences of the wildlife of the area. The result is a fascinating glimpse into the life of a much misunderstood animal.

**A remarkable and insightful celebration of an endangered animal**

**Exquisite nature writing about one of the most beautiful parts of the Scottish Highlands**

**Challenges many pre-conceived assumptions about the pine marten**



**PATRICK BAKER** has worked in the publishing industry for many years and is currently writer for an investment management company. He is a keen outdoor enthusiast and has walked and climbed throughout Scotland and Europe.

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# The Unremembered Places

## Exploring Scotland's Wild Histories

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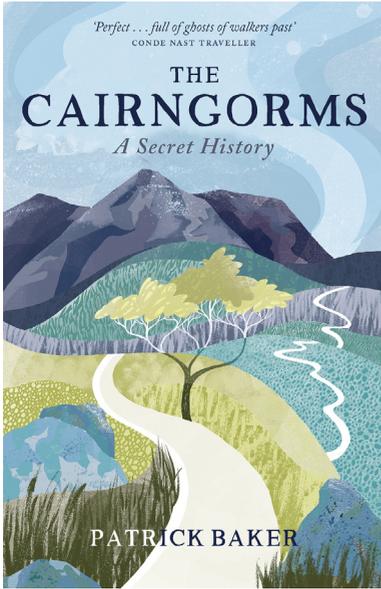
**'Grippingly told...each of his journeys fills with atmosphere and emotion'  
– BBC Countryfile Magazine**

There are strange relics hidden across Scotland's landscape: forgotten places that are touchstones to incredible stories and past lives which still resonate today. Combining a rich fusion of travelogue and historical narrative, Patrick Baker threads themes of geology, natural and social history, literature, and industry from the places he visits, discovering connections between people and place more powerful than can be imagined.

**Shortlisted for both the Boardman Tasker Award for Mountain Literature 2020 and the Great Outdoors Outdoor Book of the Year 2020**

**A poignant and enthralling take on some of Scotland's most fascinating, yet overlooked, places of interest**

**Sold over 3,500 hardbacks in 2020**



# The Cairngorms

## A Secret History

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### REISSUE

**'Packed with great stories and vivid descriptions'  
– Scotland Outdoor**

This is a series of journeys exploring barely known human and natural stories of the Cairngorm Mountains. It looks at a unique British landscape, its last great wilderness, with new eyes. History combines with travelogue in a vivid account of this elemental scenery.

Patrick Baker seeks out the unlikeliest and most interesting of features in places far off the beaten track. The cultural and human impact of this stunning landscape and reflections on the history of mountaineering are the threads which bind this compelling narrative together

**A remarkable and insightful  
celebration of an endangered animal**

**Exquisite nature writing about one  
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**Sales of over 5,000 copies**

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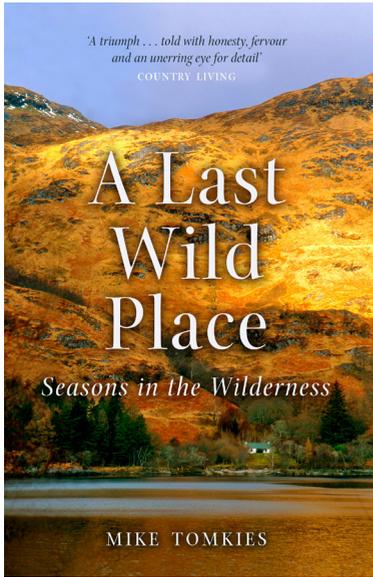
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**MIKE TOMKIES** was an acclaimed naturalist, writer and Hollywood film journalist who lived for 35 years in remote and wild places in the Scottish Highlands, Canada and Spain. He wrote a number of best-selling nature books as well as a two-volume autobiography. He died in 2016.

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# A Last Wild Place

## Seasons in the Wilderness

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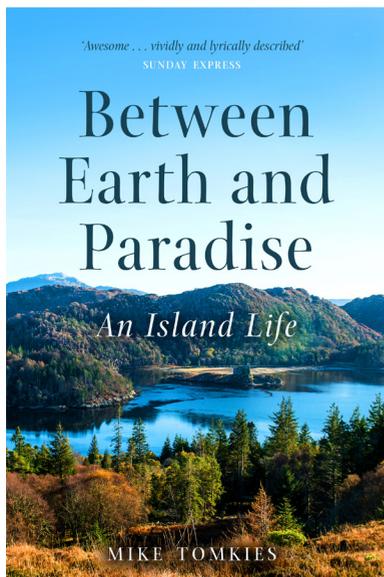
**'His writings opened the eyes and changed the lives of others'**  
– **The Herald**

When Mike Tomkies moved to a remote cottage on the shores of Loch Shiel in the West Highlands of Scotland, he found a place which was to provide him with the most profound wilderness experience of his life. Here Tomkies describes the whole cycle of nature, through the seasons in a harsh and testing environment of unrivalled beauty.

His extraordinary insights into the wildlife that shared his otherwise empty territory were not gained without perseverance in the face of perilous hazards, and the difficulties and challenges of life in the wilderness are a key part of this remarkable book.

**A celebration of nature at its most rugged and spectacular**

**A remarkable insight into the challenges and rewards of living in remote places, unmissable for anyone interested in wildlife, conservation and the natural world**



# Between Earth and Paradise

## An Island Life

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**'A wilderness saga told by a true craftsman with honesty, fervour and an unerring eye for detail'**  
– **Country Living**

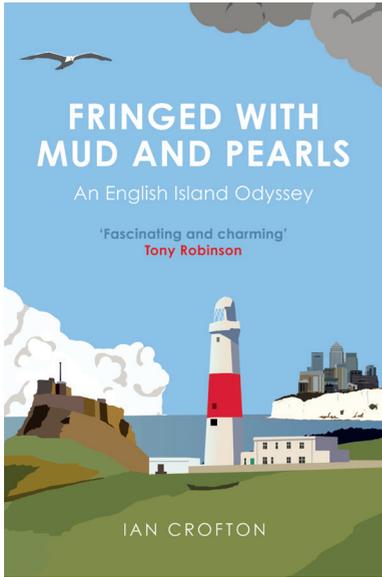
After giving up a hectic life as a journalist in Europe and Hollywood in the late 1960s to return to his boyhood love of nature, Mike Tomkies moved to Eilean Shona, a remote island off the west coast of Scotland.

This is the astonishing story of daring to take the first step away from urban routines and embracing a harsh yet immensely rewarding way of life which, in turn, led Tomkies to an even more remote location and inspired an acclaimed series of books on various animals and the challenges and joys of living in remote places.

**The first of Mike Tomkies' acclaimed books about living in remote places in Scotland and his encounters with local wildlife**

**A story of escaping the hectic urban world and reconnecting with nature**

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# Fringed With Mud and Pearls

## An English Island Odyssey

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Greece has its sun-soaked Cyclades; Scotland its rain-drenched Hebrides and Ireland the Skelligs. And what has England got? The isles of Canvey, Sheppey, Wight and Dogs, Mersea, Brownsea, Two Tree and Rat.

But there are also wilder, rockier places – Lundy, the Scillies, Holy Island, the Farnes. These islands and their inhabitants all possess their own fascinating stories. Ian Crofton describes his encounters with their history and tradition, the island wildlife from puffins to porpoises, and recounts the varied ways in which England's islands have been formed and are constantly changing.

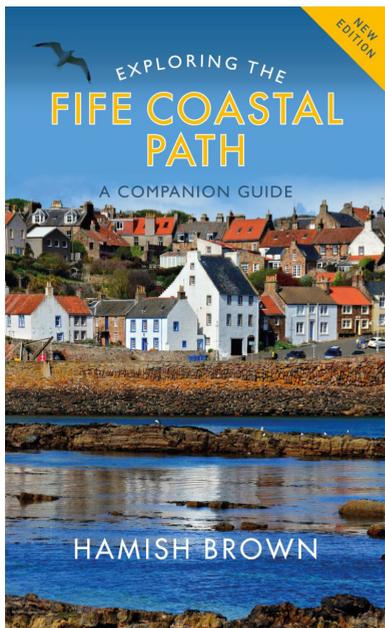
**Ian Crofton embarks on a personal odyssey to the islands encircling England**

**A fascinating, fun alternative journey around England, filled with history, anecdote and acute observation**

**From the author of the acclaimed *Walking the Border*, a *Daily Telegraph* Travel Book of the Year**

After many years working for the publisher Collins, **IAN CROFTON** is now a freelance author and editor based in London. His previous bestsellers include *Walking the Border: A Journey between Scotland and England* and *Scottish History without the Boring Bits*.

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# Exploring the Fife Coastal Path

## A Companion Guide

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This is the ideal guide to the whole route, so rich in history and natural beauty. Designed to be used by walkers on the Path or visitors to any point along it, it introduces a wealth of castles, churches, harbours, monuments and red-roofed houses.

Hamish Brown gives practical advice on all aspects of walking the Path, whether you are making a seven-day trip along its whole length or walking a short section on a Sunday afternoon. Along the way he provides a mass of fascinating information about people and places that can be read for pleasure and kept as the souvenir of a unique and unforgettable part of Scotland.

**A new edition to cover the extended route which now runs from Kincardine to Newburgh**

**Includes practical advice and maps, as well as fascinating historical and anecdotal information**

**HAMISH BROWN** is a well-known outdoors writer, lecturer and photographer who has published several bestselling books. He divides his time between his home in Fife and Morocco, where he leads expeditions in the Atlas Mountains.

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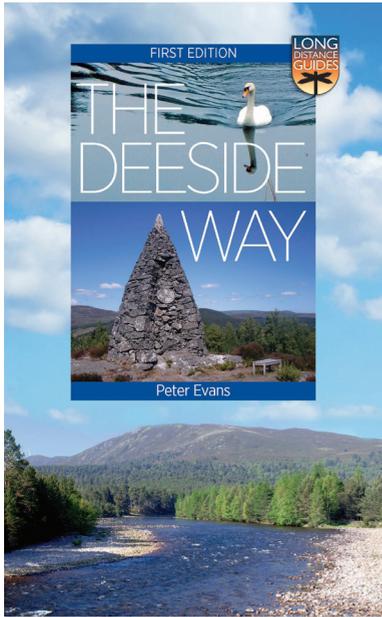
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# The Deeside Way

## Complete, folded map of route included

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The Deeside Way is a long-distance path running for 66km (41 miles) from Aberdeen, the oil capital of Europe, to Ballater in Royal Deeside in the Cairngorms National Park. Mainly following the course of old Royal Deeside Railway line, it is suitable for cyclists as well as walkers.

This new Guide offers a wealth of practical information on preparation for the walk, accommodation, transport and much else. As well as describing the Way itself, Peter Evans includes six additional walks in and around Deeside, varying from short low-level walks to mountain summits.

**This is the first book-length guide to the Deeside Way, a newly developed route which is rapidly gaining in popularity**

**The Guide is accompanied by an entirely new full-colour folding map prepared by Nicolson Maps and is illustrated in colour throughout**

**PETER EVANS** is an experienced writer and hillwalker with an extensive knowledge of the area covered in this book and its history.

A former editor of *The Great Outdoors*, *Climber* and *Scottish Field* magazines, he was a journalist with *Scotland on Sunday* for many years.

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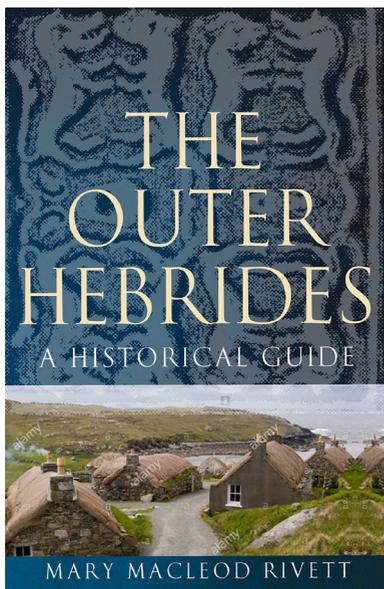
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### **DR MARY MACLEOD RIVETT**

is an experienced archaeologist working from Garrannan, on the West Coast of the Isle of Lewis. With a background in international commercial and research archaeology, she worked as Western Isles Archaeologist for over 11 years, before returning to freelance research and academic work in 2009.

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# The Outer Hebrides

## A Historical Guide

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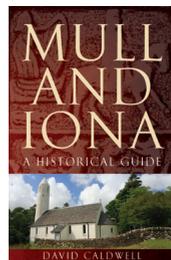
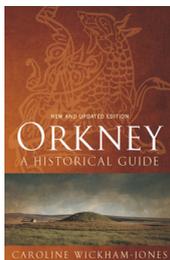
The Outer Hebrides lie 40 miles to the west of mainland Scotland, forming a barrier to the North Atlantic. Culturally distinct from early prehistory, the islands contain a wealth of historical and archaeological monuments.

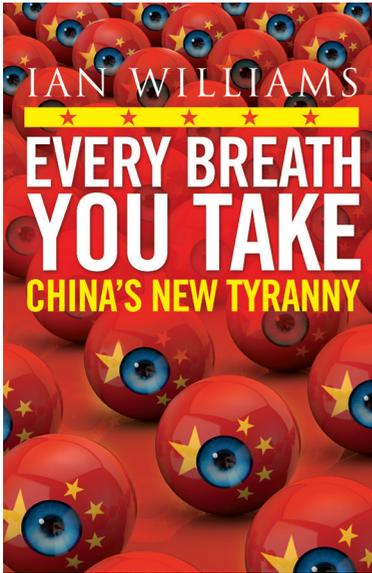
In addition to descriptions of key sites from prehistory onwards and gazetteers covering every place of historical interest, this book also traces the development of the modern environment and landscape of the islands, enabling the visitor to appreciate the sites within their full historical and cultural context.

**The latest book in Birlinn's acclaimed series of historical guides**

**An up-to-date, authoritative and accessible introduction to the built heritage of the Outer Hebrides**

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**IAN WILLIAMS** has been reporting from China for the past 20 years as a foreign correspondent for Channel 4 News and then the American network NBC. He won an Emmy and BAFTA awards for his discovery and reporting on the Serb detention camps during the war in Bosnia and is currently a doctoral student in the War Studies department at King's College, London.

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# Every Breath You Take

## China's New Tyranny

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**'a superb and deeply informed study'  
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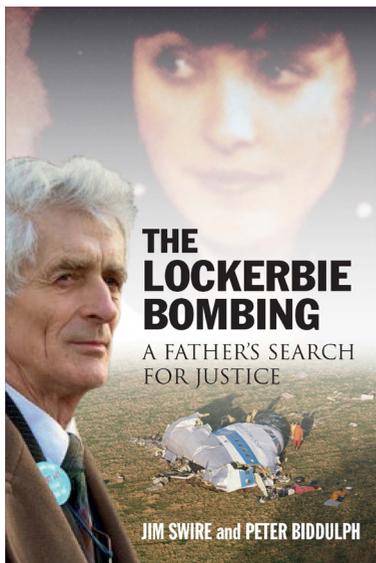
China is building the world's first digital totalitarian state, a system of hitherto unimaginable social and political control.

Ian Williams examines this extraordinary rise and considers the wider implications for the rest of the world. How to deal with an increasingly strident, aggressive Beijing is one of the biggest challenges facing the West in what has become a technological Cold War.

**A particularly topical book given the ongoing tensions between the United States and China's tech companies**

**A forensic examination of China's digital state, how information is controlled and how it affects the population**

**Will be of great interest to anyone interested in international relations, politics and the modern political climate**



# The Lockerbie Bombing

## A Father's Search for Justice

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The destruction of Pan Am Flight 103 over the Scottish town of Lockerbie in December 1988 was the largest attack on Britain since World War Two. Among the passengers was Flora, beloved daughter of Dr Jim Swire. Jim accepted American claims that Libya was responsible, but during the Lockerbie Trial he began to distrust key witnesses and supposed firm evidence.

The book takes us along Dr. Swire's journey to uncover the truth behind not only a personal tragedy but one of the modern world's most shocking events.

**This publication ties in with a brand new Netflix series that is in production for 2021**

**A searing story, which has taken over three decades and crossed several continents to find the truth behind the atrocity**

**Taken fully up to date with the appeal in late 2020 by Mergahi's family**

**JIM SWIRE** was a GP when his daughter was killed in the Lockerbie bombing. He became a spokesman for UK Families Flight 103 and has worked tirelessly for the truth to be told about the bombing.

**PETER BIDDULPH** began working with Jim to tell his story in 1999. Swire's intention to write a book had made him a campaigner for the truth and also a 'person of interest'.

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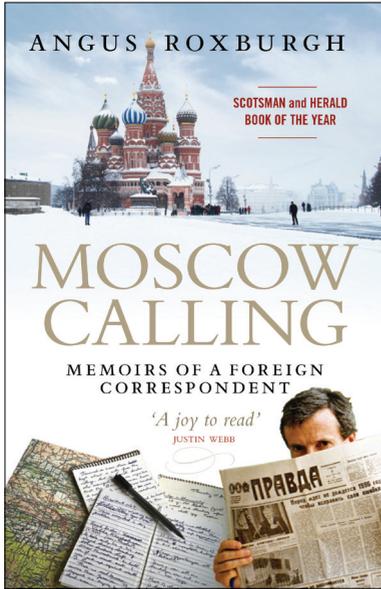
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# Moscow Calling

## Memoirs of a Foreign Correspondent

**'A gripping story, scintillatingly told'**  
– **The Scotsman**

In *Moscow Calling*, Angus Roxburgh presents his Russia – not the Russia of news reports, but a quirky, crazy, exasperating, beautiful, tumultuous world that in four decades has undergone remarkable changes.

From the dark, fearful days of communism and his adventures as a correspondent covering the Soviet Union's collapse into chaos, to his frustrating work as a media consultant to Putin's Kremlin, his memoir offers a unique, fascinating and at times hilarious insight.

**A unique and revealing perspective on Russia**

**Explores the human stories behind the big political events that have shaped the country**

**Features a new introduction bringing the book up to date**

**ANGUS ROXBURGH** was *Sunday Times* Moscow correspondent (1987–89), BBC Moscow correspondent (1991–97) and BBC Europe correspondent (1998–2005). From 2006 to 2009 he was media consultant to the Kremlin, and is now a freelance writer and journalist.

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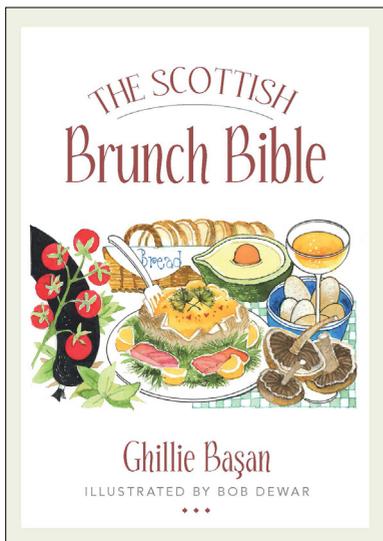
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# The Scottish Brunch Bible

Brunch should evoke a sense of pleasure and relaxation – and perhaps also the temptation to try something new.

Food writer and broadcaster Ghillie Basan offers 50 recipes in seven themed sections: brunch in a bowl, brunch with eggs, brunch on bread, baked potato brunch, sweet-tooth brunch and boozy brunch.

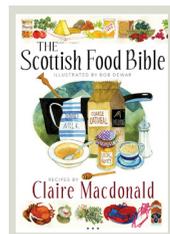
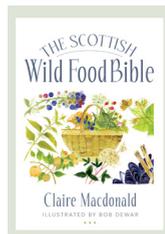
**GHILLIE BASAN** has written over 40 books on different culinary cultures and has been nominated for the Glenfiddich Award, the Guild of Food Writers Award and the Cordon Bleu World Food Media Award. Her food and travel articles have appeared in a huge variety of newspapers and magazines.

**The latest in Birlinn's bestselling Food Bibles series, with cumulative sales of over 125,000 copies**

**Focuses on brunch, a meal filled with endless possibilities!**

**Over 50 recipes arranged by theme, illustrated throughout by Bob Dewar**

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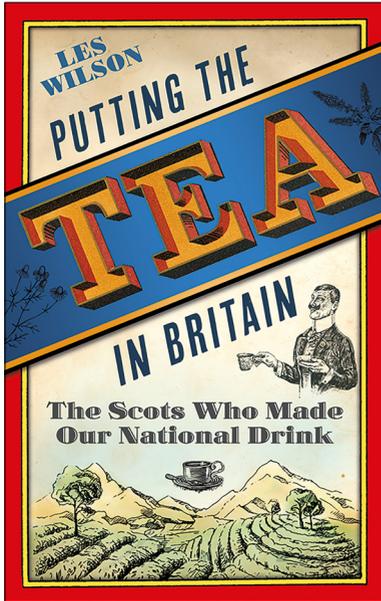
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**LES WILSON** is an award-winning writer and documentary maker. He is the co-editor of *Islay Voices* (Birlinn, 2016) and the author of *The Drowned and the Saved: When War Came to the Hebrides* (Birlinn, 2018), which won the Saltire Society History Book of the Year award, 2018.

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# Putting the Tea in Britain

## The Scots Who Made Our National Drink

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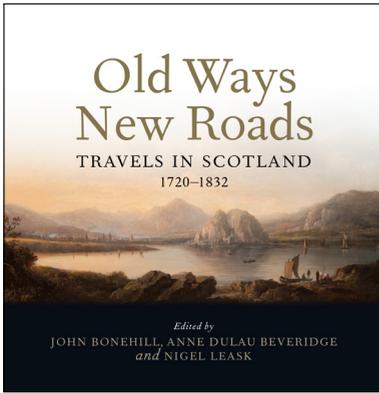
From the Indian Mutiny to the London Blitz, offering a 'nice cup of tea' has been a stock British response to a crisis. But tea itself has a dramatic, and often violent, history.

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# Old Ways New Roads

## Travels in Scotland

1720–1832

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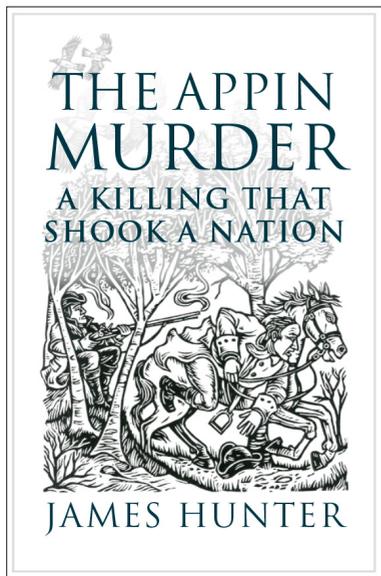
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# The Appin Murder

## The Killing that Shook a Nation

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On a hillside near Ballachulish in the Scottish Highlands in May 1752 a rider was assassinated by a gunman. The murdered man, Colin Campbell, was a government agent and his death resulted in the execution of James Stewart, an innocent and a veteran of the Highland uprising crushed in April 1746 at Culloden.

**JAMES HUNTER** is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of the Highlands and Islands. He has written extensively about the north of Scotland and about the region's worldwide diaspora. His book *Set Adrift upon the World* (Birlinn 2016) was Saltire History Book of the Year in 2016.

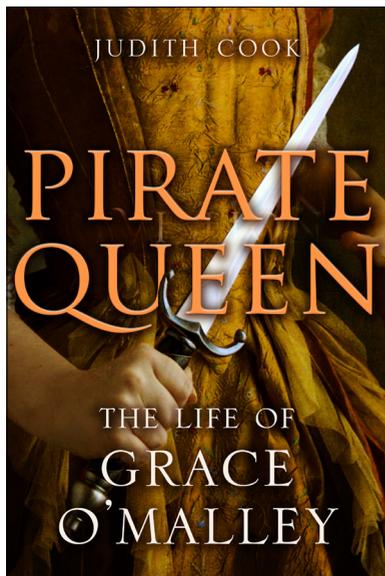
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**JUDITH COOK** was a prolific biographer and investigative journalist. Her subjects included J.B. Priestley, Daphne du Maurier and Hilda Murrell, the anti-nuclear campaigner who died in mysterious circumstances 1985. Born in Manchester, Judith Cook lived for many years in Cornwall, where she died in 2004.

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# Pirate Queen

## The Life of Grace O'Malley

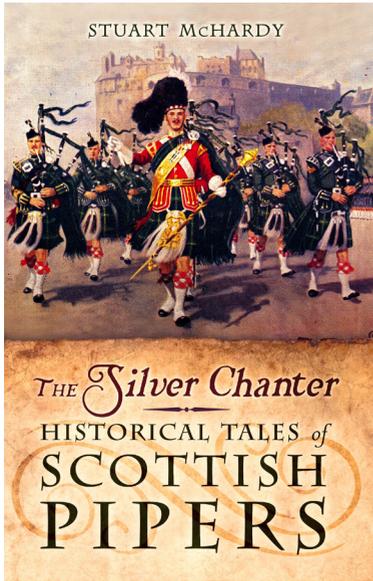
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In a life stranger than any fiction, Grace O'Malley, daughter of a clan chief in the far west of Ireland, went from marriage at fifteen to piracy on the high seas. Eventually in 1586 she was captured and sentenced to hang.

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**STUART MCHARDY** is a writer, storyteller and lecturer. He was Director of the Scots Language Resource Centre from 1993 to 1998 and is a founder member and past president of the Pictish Arts Society. An experienced broadcaster Stuart McHardy has long been interested in Scotland's musical traditions, playing music professionally since his teens.

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# The Silver Chanter

## Historical Tales of Scottish Pipers

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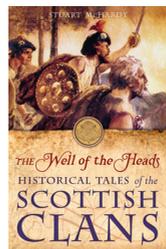
All over the world people associate the bagpipes with Scotland. In this informative and entertaining book Stuart McHardy introduces Scotland's national instrument and examines the part that the piper himself has played in society over the centuries.

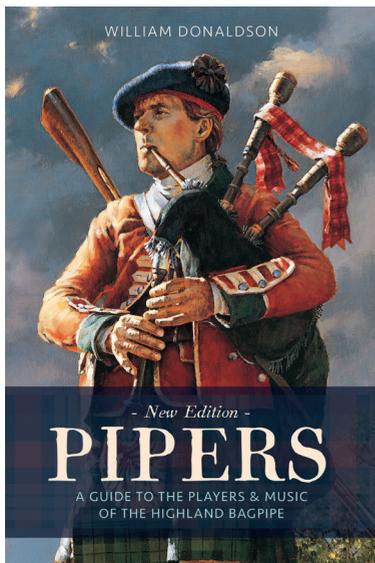
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## **WILLIAM DONALDSON**

is a graduate of Aberdeen University and currently teaches in the literature department at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Two of his earlier books, *The Jacobite Song* and *Popular Literature in Victorian Scotland*, received a Scottish Arts Council Book Award and the Thomas Blackwell Memorial Prize.

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# Pipers

## A Guide to the Players and Music of the Highland Bagpipe

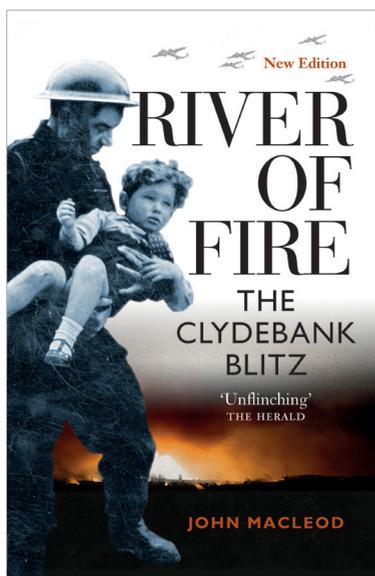
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*Pipers* takes the reader inside the world of the performer community of Scottish piping, introducing the instrument itself and the various different repertoires. It also discusses piping techniques as well as information on some of the great piping dynasties and individual pipers.

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**JOHN MACLEOD** won Scottish Journalist of the Year in 1991 and contributed regularly to *The Scotsman* and *The Herald*. He is presently a columnist with the *Scottish Daily Mail* and is the author of several books. He lives on a croft on the west side of Lewis.

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# River of Fire

## The Clydebank Blitz

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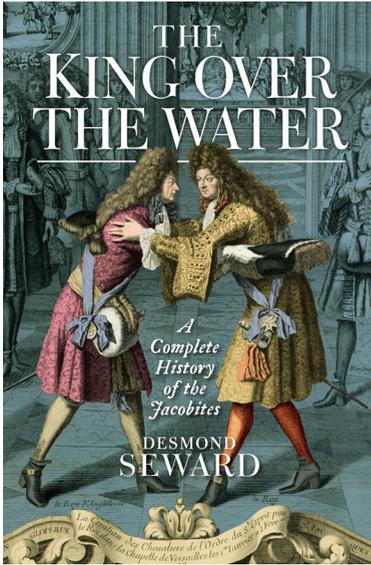
When, on the evening of 13 March 1941, the authorities first detected that Clydebank was 'on beam' – targeted by the primitive radio-guidance system of the German bombers – no effort was made to raise the alarm or to direct the residents to shelter or flight.

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**DESMOND SEWARD** is one of the most highly regarded popular historians of his generation. He is the author of numerous books, ranging from studies of medieval kings to biographies of Napoleon and Hitler. His books *The Hundred Years' War* and *The Wars of the Roses* are regarded as standard works on their subjects.

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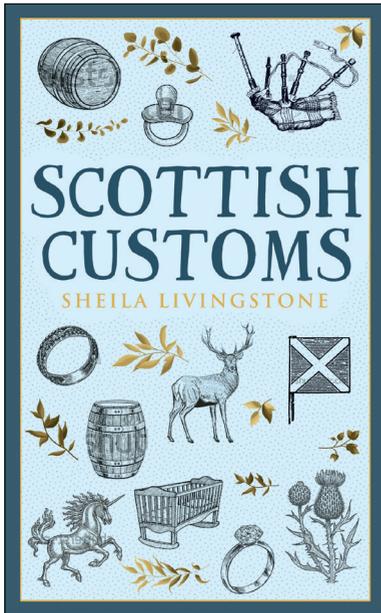
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# Scottish Customs

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**SHEILA LIVINGSTONE** was a Scottish author who wrote widely on the subject of Scottish culture and history.

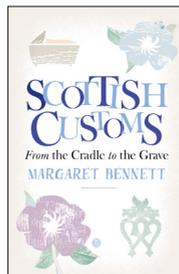
Customs play an important part in all societies and offer fascinating insights into a country's history and culture. Scotland boasts a multitude of unique customs, many of which can be traced back to the times of the Druids, Celts and Romans.

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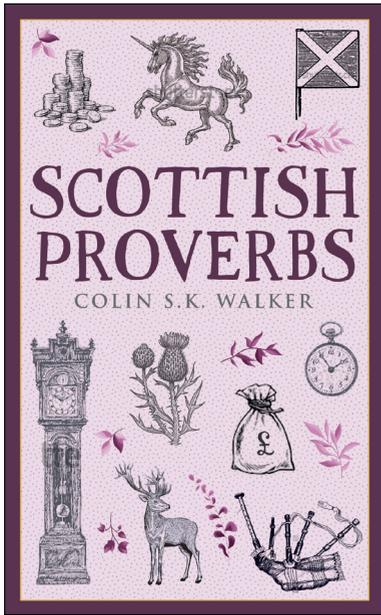
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# Scottish Proverbs

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**COLIN S.K. WALKER** worked as a bookseller in Aberdeen and has been collecting Scottish proverbs for many years.

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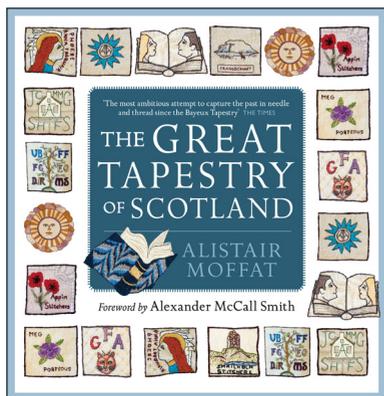
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# The Great Tapestry of Scotland

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**ALISTAIR MOFFAT** was born in Kelso, Scotland in 1950. He is an award winning Writer, Historian and former Director of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and Director of Programmes at Scottish Television. He is the founder of Borders Book Festival and Co-Chairman of The Great Tapestry Of Scotland.

The Great Tapestry of Scotland is an outstanding celebration of thousands of years of Scottish history and achievement, from the end of the last Ice Age to Dolly the Sheep and Andy Murray's Wimbledon victory of 2013. The 1000+ stitches spent a total of 55, 000 sewing hours on the 160 panels that make up this extraordinary work of art.

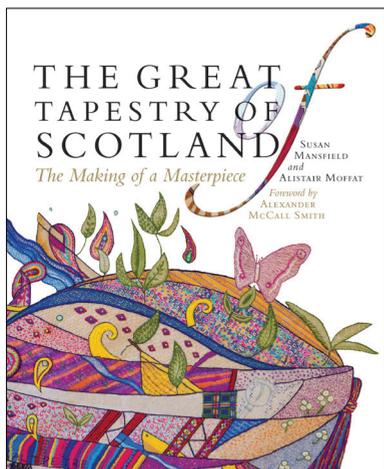
Together with descriptive and explanatory material on each panel and lists of all the stitchers involved, this is an enthralling and beautifully produced history of the Tapestry.

**The Great Tapestry is the brainchild of bestselling author Alexander McCall Smith, historian Alistair Moffat and artist Andrew Crummy**

**This book shows in full colour all the finished panels of the tapestry – one of the biggest community arts projects ever to take place in Scotland**

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# The Great Tapestry of Scotland

## The Making of a Masterpiece

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This smaller format, lightweight paperback edition tells the story of this unique undertaking from its original conception and creation by teams of dedicated stitchers to its grand unveiling at the Scottish Parliament in 2013.

The book also covers its subsequent touring and the creation of its home in the Scottish Borders.

**The Great Tapestry of Scotland was created by a team of over a thousand volunteer stitchers from over 300 miles of wool**

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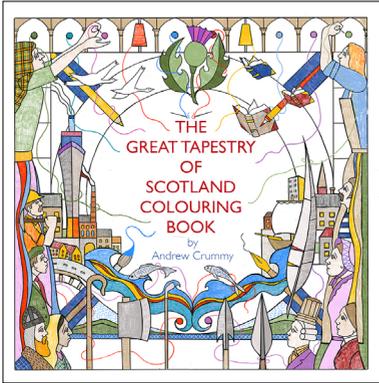
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# The Great Tapestry of Scotland Colouring Book

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**ANDREW CRUMMY** began his professional career in London, where he contributed to a wide range of publications, including NME, The Observer and Timeout. A series of large-scale murals for Midland Bank developed into an interest for artworks in public and community settings, and he has been involved with many such projects around the world.

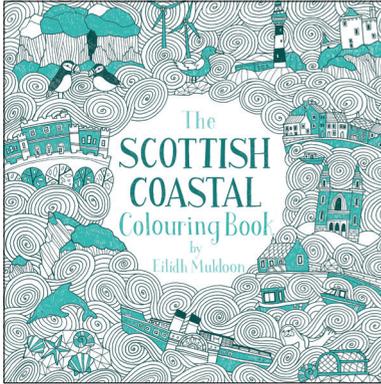
The Great Tapestry of Scotland is one of the most ambitious community arts projects ever undertaken. The brainchild of bestselling author Alexander McCall Smith, historian Alistair Moffat and artist Andrew Crummy, it was created by a team of over one thousand volunteer stitchers between 2012 and 2013, led by Dorie Wilkie.

This book features a selection of drawings featuring complete panels as well as details by Andrew Crummy, all specially adapted to allow colouring enthusiasts to share in this remarkable work of art.

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**EILIDH MULDOON** studied Art History and gained an MFA in Illustration from Edinburgh College of Art in June 2013, where she is currently a tutor. She is also a freelance artist and illustrator whose work has appeared in prints, greetings cards and giftware.

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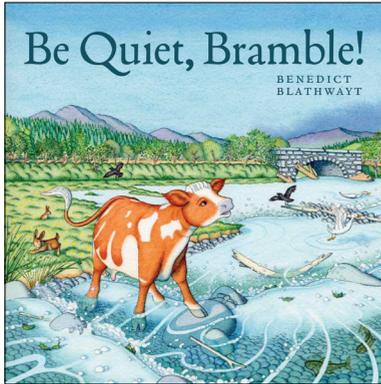
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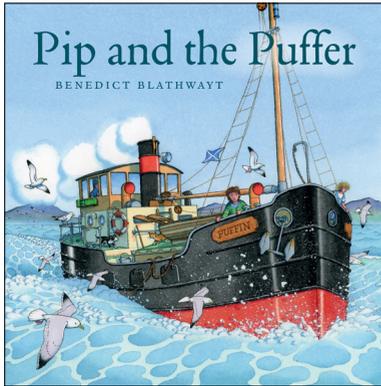
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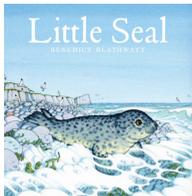
# Pip and the Puffer

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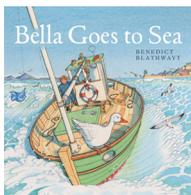
Pip lives on island and is the captain of his boat Puffin, which he sails to the mainland to collect the things that the islanders need.

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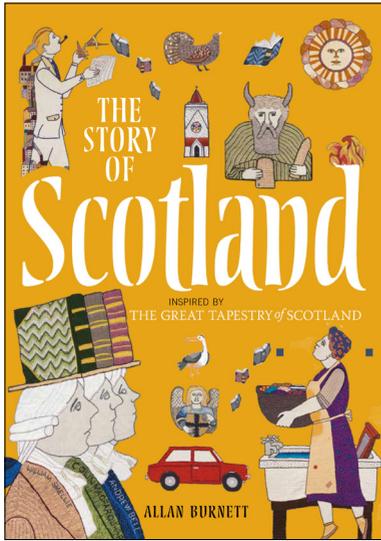


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**ALLAN BURNETT** is one of Scotland's best-selling authors for young readers. He was born and brought up in the Western Isles and educated at the University of Edinburgh, while working after dark as a ghost tour guide. Allan has written many other books, including *Mary, Queen of Scots and All That* and *Invented in Scotland*.

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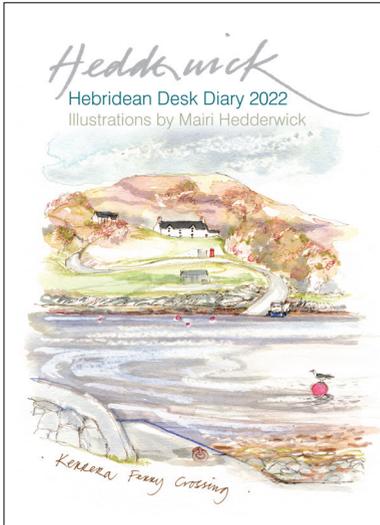
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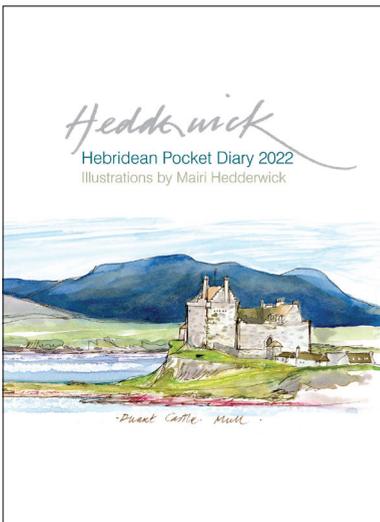




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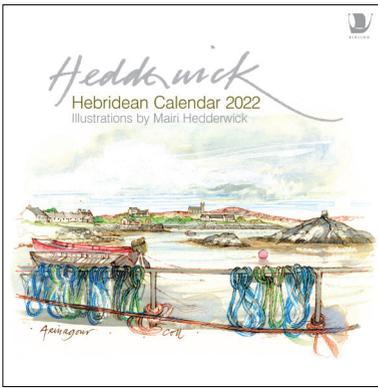
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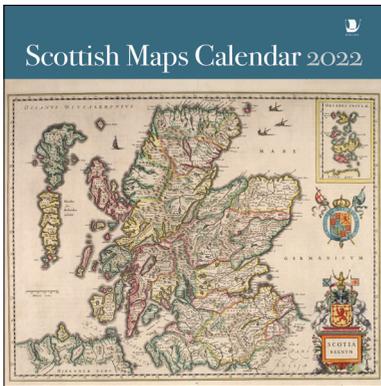
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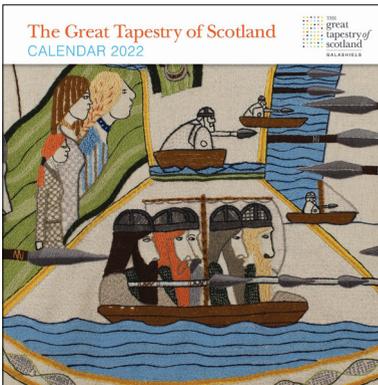
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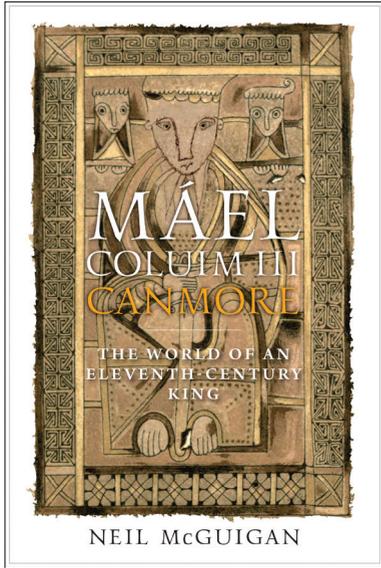
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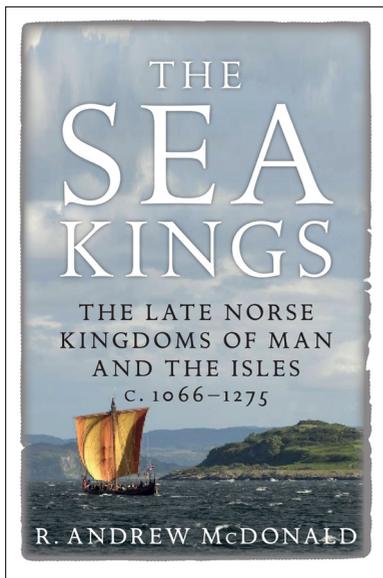
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