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Design and Architecture in the Jazz Age

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Art Deco is a design style infused with glamour and energy. Emerging from the smart metropolises of Paris and New York in the 1920s, its impact quickly spread beyond these cities.

A remarkable range of Art Deco objects, structures and images were created in Scotland as architects and designers incorporated features of Art Deco and moderne into their work. These forms were to be found in fashionable new villas, luxury ocean liners and the fleeting Empire Exhibition, as well as in everyday spaces such as shops, lidos, tramcars, cafes, cinemas and even pithead baths.

The publication of this illustrated hardback in 2025 marks the centenary of the Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes in Paris – the international exhibition considered the origin of Art Deco.

Bruce Peter is a Professor of Design History at Glasgow School of Art. He is the author of a number of architecture and design books, primarily related to transport, leisure and entertainment.

'a new encyclopaedic book on the futuristic design movement that flourished globally in the Twenties and Thirties ... the book is excellent, a lasting testament to the generations who came before us and wanted to leave the world a better place.'

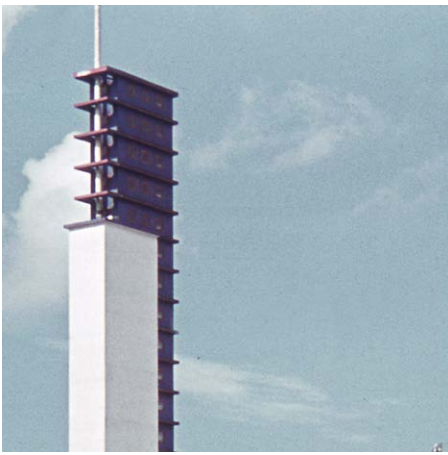
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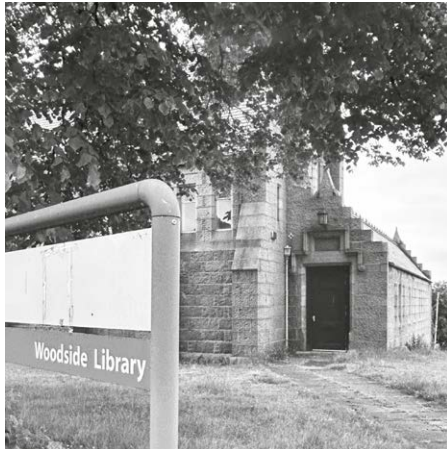
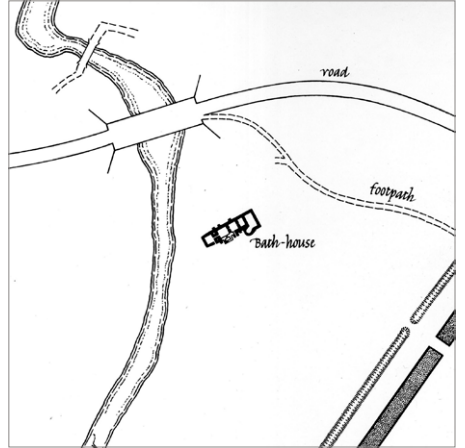
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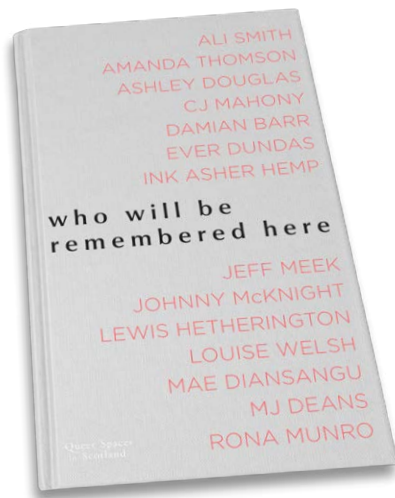
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who will be remembered here

Queer Spaces in Scotland

Ali Smith, Damian Barr, Ink Asher Hemp, Mae Diansangu, Ashley Douglas, Amanda Thomson, Jeff Meek, Rona Munro, MJ Deans, Louise Welsh, Ever Dundas, Johnny McKnight, CJ Mahony and Lewis Hetherington

Queerness weaves through Scotland's past, but it is largely intangible and absent from accounts of what came before us. By making invisible stories visible, *who will be remembered here* captures something of the richness, complexity and beauty of a history that belongs to all of us.

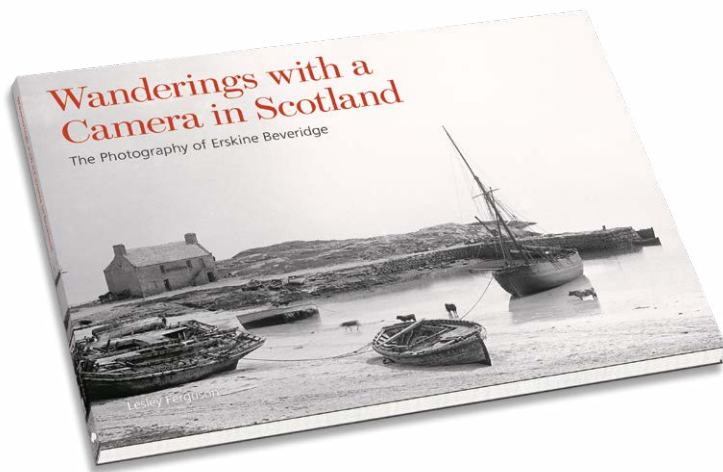
In this collection, fourteen authors explore the places and spaces which define their queer history – wherever has meaning for them. From theatres and hillsides to amusement arcades and libraries, *who will be remembered here* reconsiders and reimagines the built and natural environment through a queer lens, to uncover stories full of hope and humanity.

Curators

Lewis Hetherington is a playwright who has written for National Theatre Scotland, Edinburgh International Festival, Citizens and Lyceum Theatres. He has won two Fringe First Awards. His work, which has toured internationally, includes *Cloud Man*, *The Multiverse is Gay!*, *The Coming Back Out Ball*, *Dear Green Place* and *BOYS*.

CJ Mahony's work has been the subject of solo and group exhibitions internationally and in the UK. They have undertaken commissions for organisations such as The Tate and the Contemporary Art Society. CJ has also tutored and lectured widely across the UK for institutions including Glasgow School of Art and the University of Cambridge.

- * Spaces featured include Strathclyde Country Park, Glasgow pubs and clubs, Piper's Cave in Argyll, an amusement arcade in Ardrossan, Aberdeen's Woodside Library, a cottage by Loch Goil, goth club Earth Inferno in Edinburgh and Cumbernauld Theatre
- * Published in 2025, 30 years since the first major Pride event in Scotland
- * Accompanied by a sister film project (also conceived and curated by Lewis Hetherington and CJ Mahony) officially launched as part of the Edinburgh Art Festival and Edinburgh International Book Festival



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Wanderings With a Camera in Scotland

The Photography of Erskine Beveridge

Lesley Ferguson

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In the early 1960s, in the course of recording a Dunfermline mill building that was scheduled for demolition, surveyors discovered an incredible collection of over 800 glass plate negatives. Taken between 1880 and 1919, the photographs are a remarkable record of a bygone era, ranging from black houses in the Western Isles and Highland crofts in the shadow of Ben Nevis, to remote castles in Argyll and busy harbour views in Fife.

The photographs are the work of Erskine Beveridge (1851-1920), a wealthy Dunfermline industrialist – and enthusiastic historian and archaeologist – who would become one of the finest amateur photographers of his generation. Fascinated by landscapes, boats, buildings and archaeological monuments, Beveridge's images are not just fine, well composed representations of their subjects, but also convey a sense of what made Scotland's places meaningful to him.

With a biographical introduction by Lesley Ferguson, this stunning volume highlights one of the nation's earliest and most remarkable photographic collections.

Lesley Ferguson was Head of Archives and Library at Historic Environment Scotland and previously Head of Collections at RCAHMS. Her research interests focus on early photographers and antiquarians and their contribution to our knowledge of Scotland's past.

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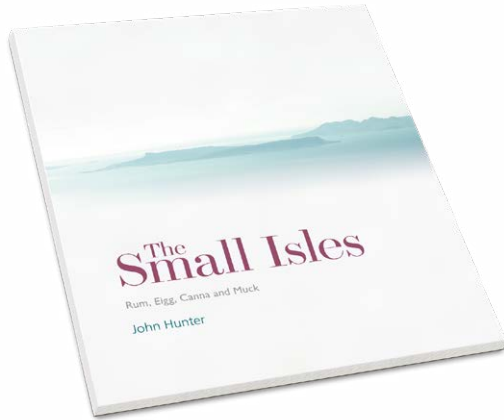
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The Small Isles

Rum, Eigg, Canna and Muck

John Hunter

Some ten thousand years ago, hunter-gatherers moving through a landscape newly emerged from the grip of the last Ice Age reached four islands on the western seaboard. The shores they landed on were deserted. After making camp, they struck out to hunt and explore. We know this because the evidence of their presence has been preserved down the millennia – in traces of flint and quartz, in charred fragments of grain and animal bone, in great heaped piles of ancient shellfish. The islands were Rum, Eigg, Canna and Muck – four distinctive shapes rising from the waters of the Inner Hebrides between Ardnamurchan and Skye. Collectively, they are known as the Small Isles.

From those first moments on, people have been working these islands and using their resources, adapting each landscape to suit the changing needs of the communities they served. In this definitive new book, archaeologist John Hunter searches for the stories of the Small Isles in the evidence that survives – from the fragmentary physical remains of dwellings, defences, places of worship and monuments, to the records of early antiquarians, historians and travellers.

This is a journey to rediscover communities that were erased by the mass migrations of the nineteenth century, and the rise of the Victorian sporting estate. Within a few generations cultural identity on the islands disappeared and a new order developed. Placenames were changed, buildings and structures abandoned, and traditions forgotten. The Small Isles became islands without memories.

This comprehensive guide – illustrated with a wealth of photographs, maps and drawings – takes readers on a tour of both place and time. Crisscrossing the landscapes of four fascinating and evocative islands, it reveals traces of a forgotten past in everything that has been left behind.

John Hunter is Emeritus Professor of Ancient History and Archaeology at the University of Birmingham. He has undertaken extensive survey work in Scotland, with a particular focus on the Northern and Western Isles.

'lucidly written and beautifully produced ... a wonderful introduction to this often-overlooked group of islands'

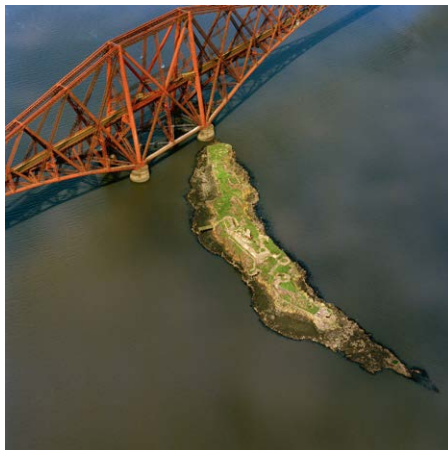
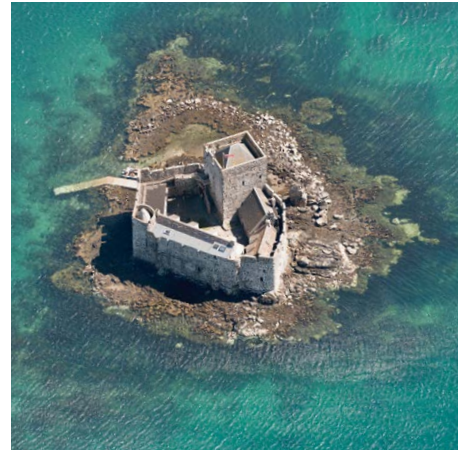
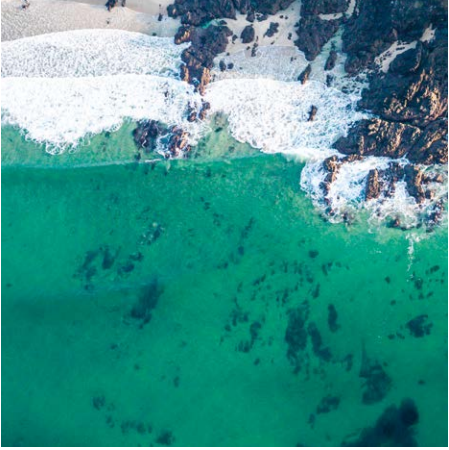
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Packed with wonderful contemporary and archive imagery complemented by illuminating text and captions, *Above Scotland* reveals the true variety of Scotland.

James Crawford is a writer, publisher and broadcaster. His books include *The Edge of the Plain: How Borders Make and Break Our World*, *Wild History: Journeys Into Lost Scotland*, *Scotland's Landscapes* and *Fallen Glory: The Lives and Deaths of the World's Greatest Lost Buildings*. He has also written and presented three series of the BBC One landmark documentary series *Scotland from the Sky*.

- * this compact book of aerial photography is the second pocket book published by HES, following on from *Scotland's History* by historian Fiona Watson
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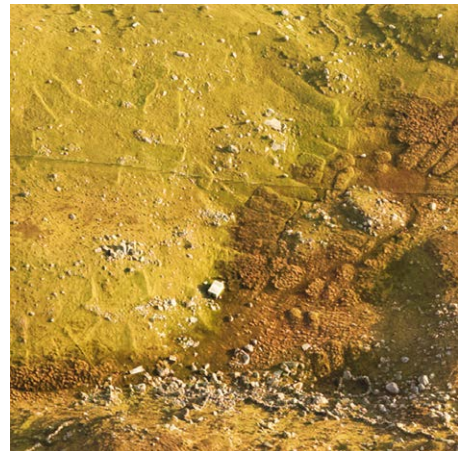
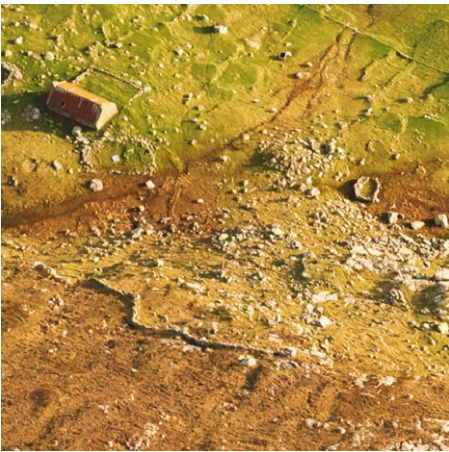
Who was St Columba? Why was Mary, Queen of Scots, executed? When were the Jacobite risings? Where was the Scottish Parliament built?

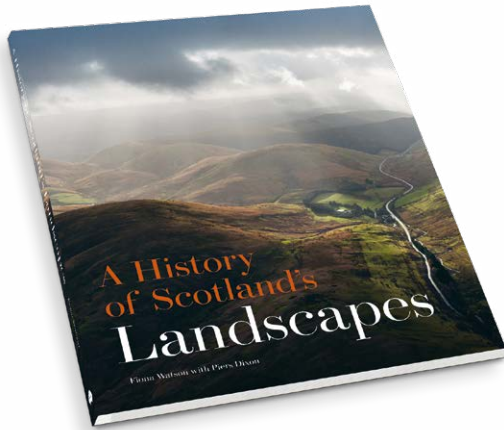
Scotland's vibrant and bloody past captures the imagination. But there is far more to Scottish history than murder and mayhem, tragedy and betrayal. In *Scotland's History*, historian Fiona Watson looks back across thousands of years into the lives of the people of Scotland. She captures the critical moments and memorable personalities known throughout the world - from the Picts to Bonnie Prince Charlie, and from Macbeth to the Battle of Bannockburn - revealing the truth behind the myths.

Fiona Watson is a medieval historian and writer. She is the author of history books including *A History of Scotland's Landscapes* and *Scotland from Prehistory to the Present*, and was the presenter of *In Search of Scotland*, a BBC TV series on Scottish history.

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A History of Scotland's Landscapes

Fiona Watson with Piers Dixon

It is easy to overlook how much of our history is preserved all around us – the way the narrative of bygone days has been inscribed in fields, forests, hills and mountains, roads, railways, canals, lochs, buildings and settlements. Indeed, footprints of the past are to be found almost everywhere. The shapes of fields may reveal the brief presence of the Romans or the labours of medieval peasants, while great heaps of abandoned spoil or the remains of gargantuan holes in the ground mark the rapid decline of heavy industry in the recent past.

These evocative spaces provide unique evidence for the way this land with its wealth of resources has been lived in, worked on, ruined, abandoned, restored and celebrated – offering valuable clues that bring the past to life far more effectively than any written history.

A History of Scotland's Landscapes explores the many ways that we have used, adapted and altered our environment over thousands of years. Full of maps, photographs and drawings, it offers a remarkable new perspective on Scotland – a unique guide to tracing memories, events and meanings in the forms and patterns of our surroundings.

Fiona Watson is a medieval historian and writer, and former Director of the Centre for Environmental History at the Universities of Stirling and St Andrews. She is the author of *Scotland from Prehistory to the Present*, *Under the Hammer: Edward I and Scotland*, *Macbeth: A True Story* and *Robert the Bruce*, and was presenter of the BBC series *In Search of Scotland*.

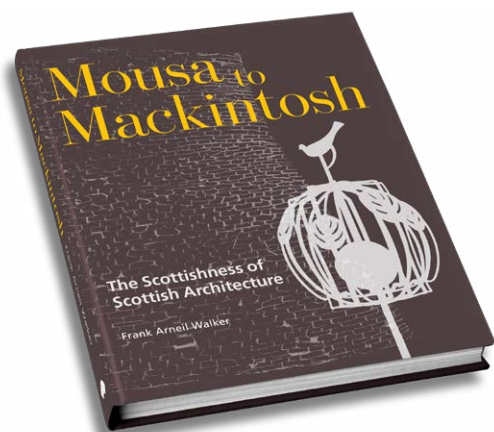
Piers Dixon is an archaeologist with over 30 years of experience researching, investigating and recording Scotland's landscapes.

'a beautiful book, copiously illustrated with lovely old maps as well as paintings and photographs, not only of the various topographical features studied but also depicting early life and labour in Scotland' **The Herald**

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The Scottishness of Scottish Architecture

Frank Arneil Walker

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This chronological history presents an expansive view of architecture in Scotland, from ancient brochs and classical country houses to baronial tower-houses and modernist New Towns, including the work of renowned architects such as Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Robert Adam, Basil Spence and Robert Lorimer. Walker considers the relationship between national characteristics and international influences in these structures to ask: what is the 'Scottishness' of Scottish architecture?

Frank Arneil Walker is an architect and architectural historian. He has been engaged in architectural practice and consultancy and has been involved in the committees and councils of many architecture-related bodies. Pursuing an academic career, he has taught at Glasgow School of Art, at the University of Strathclyde where he became Professor, and abroad. He is the author of a number of books, including volumes in the Buildings of Scotland and RIAS Architectural Guides series. For services to architectural history and conservation he was appointed OBE.

'one can recommend this book unreservedly as a welcome addition to the small handful of genuinely insightful books on the development of Scottish architecture.'

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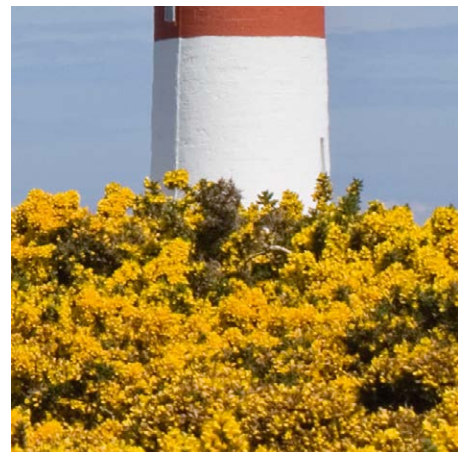
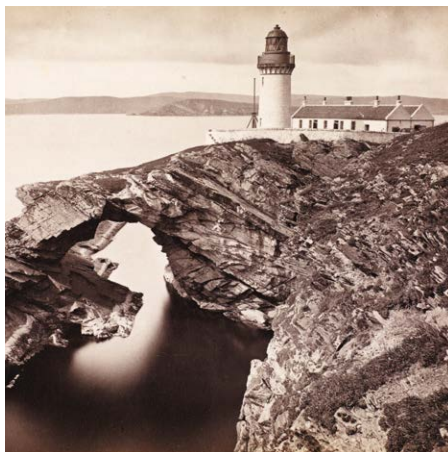
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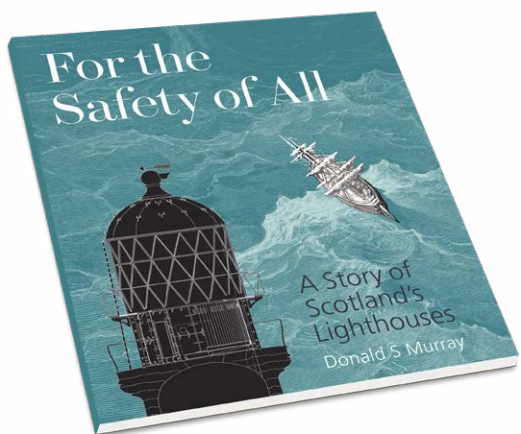
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For the Safety of All

A Story of Scotland's Lighthouses

Donald S Murray

'There have always been lighthouses in my life. There has been a closeness and steadiness to our relationship, as if they have kept pace and in close contact with me.'

Lighthouses punctuate Scotland's coastline – a stoic presence on the edge of the landscape. Since the earliest of these hardy structures were raised, they have been a lifeline for seafarers at the mercy of treacherous weather and uncertain navigation. Today over 100 of Scotland's lighthouses are listed buildings.

The lighthouse is now one of many maritime resources which act 'for the safety of all'. But we are still drawn to the solitary life of the keeper, the beauty of the lens of the lamp and the calm reassurance of a flashing light on a distant shore.

Donald S Murray explores Scotland's lighthouses through history, storytelling and the voices of the lightkeepers. From ancient beacons to the work of the Stevensons and the Northern Lighthouse Board, and from wartime strife to automation and preservation, lighthouses stand as a testament to the nation's innate connection to the sea.

Donald S Murray grew up under the gleam of the Butt of Lewis lighthouse, and lighthouses have remained a continual presence in his life. He is the author of non-fiction, fiction and poetry, with a particular focus on Scotland's islands. His books include the acclaimed *As the Women Lay Dreaming*, *The Call of the Cormorant* and *The Guga Hunters*.

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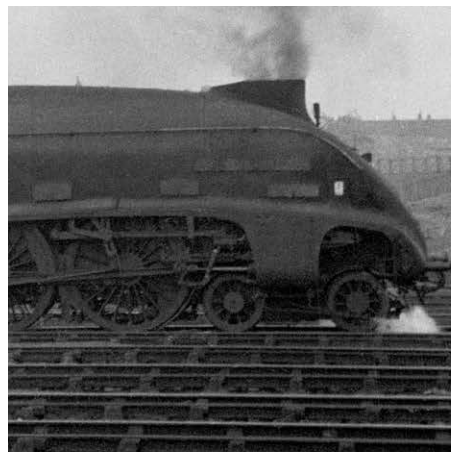
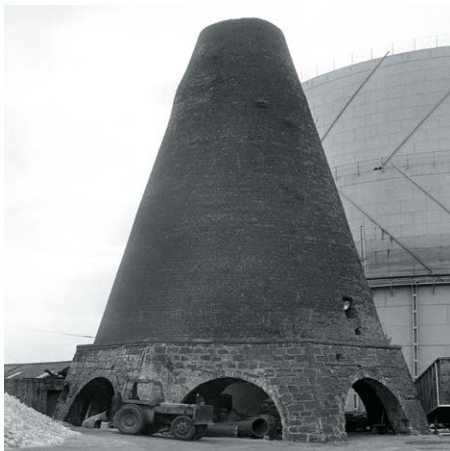
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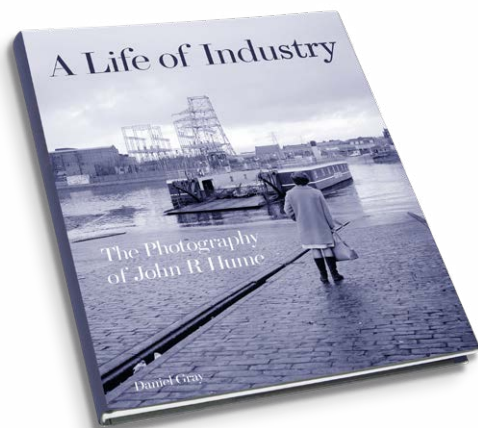
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A Life of Industry

The Photography of John R Hume

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John R Hume is Scotland's foremost expert on industrial heritage. John's greatest passion was – and is – industry. Over the course of the 1960s, 70s and 80s, he took over 25,000 photographs of late-industrial and post-industrial Scotland. His collection is a remarkable portrait of a way of life that has now all but vanished. His drive to act as a witness to Scotland's industrial empire, and its steady disintegration, took him to every corner of the country.

John's photography produces an exhaustive and objective record. Yet it also reveals remarkable and poignant glimpses of domestic life – children playing in factory ruins, high-rises emerging on the city skylines, working men and women dwarfed by the incredible scale of an already crumbling industrial infrastructure.

In *A Life of Industry*, author Daniel Gray tells John's story, and the story of what has been lost – and preserved.

Daniel Gray is the author of eight books including *Homage to Caledonia*, *Stramash* and *Scribbles in the Margins*. He has written for various newspapers, magazines and documentaries, and from 2016-18 was Writer-in-Residence across the Scottish New Towns for Edinburgh International Book Festival. He has given talks in hundreds of venues, regularly chairs events, anchors a fortnightly podcast and recently presented short history films for STV.

John R Hume's photographic output is now a significant part of the HES archive, providing a unique perspective on Scotland's history through the lens of his camera. His work centres around industrial archaeology and he was awarded an OBE in 1998.

'Looking deeper into each image reveals a poignant glimpse into the lives of the people intertwined with the bricks and mortar' ***Sunday Post***

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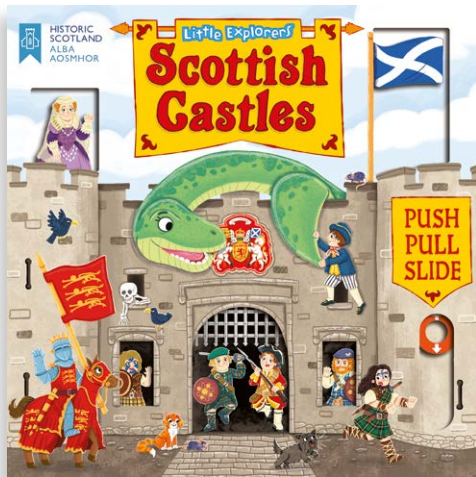
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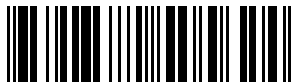
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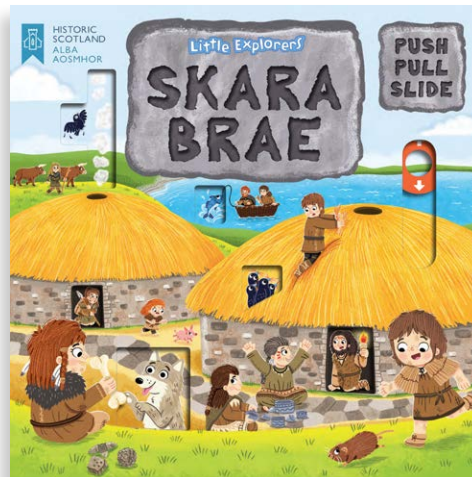
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Each page is inspired by a real Scottish castle. An ideal gift for visitors to Scotland, this large board book is chunky but lightweight with sturdy moving parts that are just the right size for little hands.



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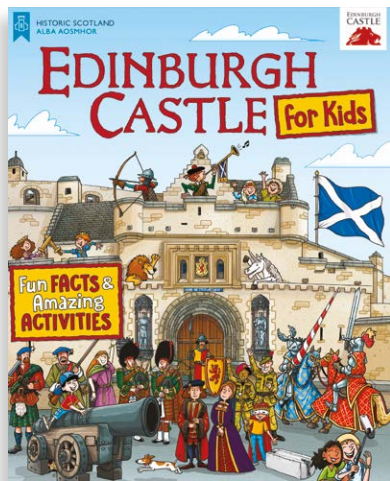
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Discover the secrets of the Stone Age and travel back in time to see what life was like for the villagers of Skara Brae on Orkney.

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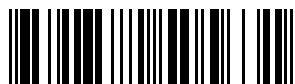
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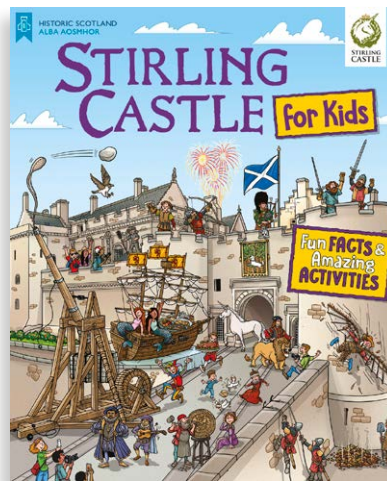
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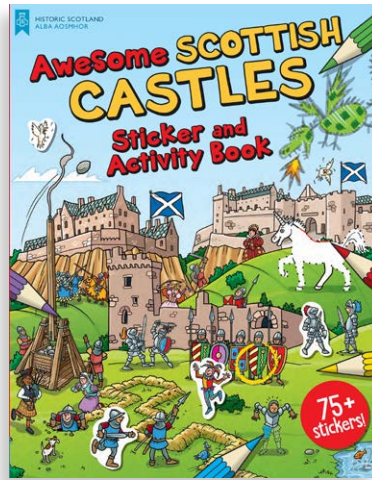
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Revealed the history of Stirling Castle – its importance to Scottish heroes William Wallace and Robert the Bruce, royal residents like Mary Queen of Scots and James V, exciting fun and games that took place including jousting tournaments and spectacular feasting, as well as the castle's surprising secrets!

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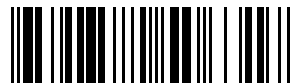
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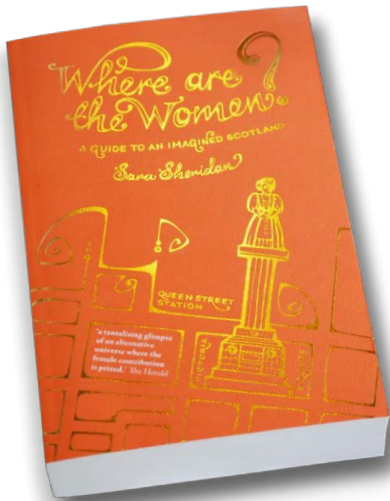
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Sara Sheridan

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 our heritage and bring those women who have been ignored to light. *Where are the women?* They've been here all along...

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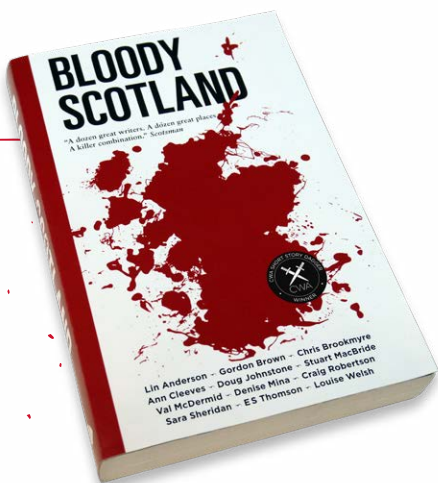
'Charming or amusing though these imagined memorials are, the heart of the book is serious, the product of assiduous research, and extremely interesting. Treat it as a quasi-official gazetteer and it will deepen your knowledge of Scotland, even in many cases of your own city, town, village or countryside, and enrich your travels.' **Allan Massie, *The Scotsman***

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Sara Sheridan, named as one of the Saltire Society's most influential Scottish women, past and present, has a fascination for uncovering forgotten women from history. As a novelist she is known as the writer of the Mirabelle Bevan mysteries and a series of historical novels based on Georgian and Victorian explorers, including *The Fair Botanists* set in Regency Edinburgh. As a non-fiction writer she has produced books about the early days of Queen Victoria's marriage and the historical background to Jane Austen's novel *Sanditon* to augment two of ITV's landmark historical dramas.

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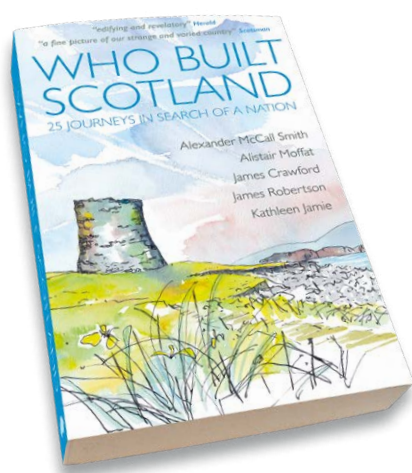
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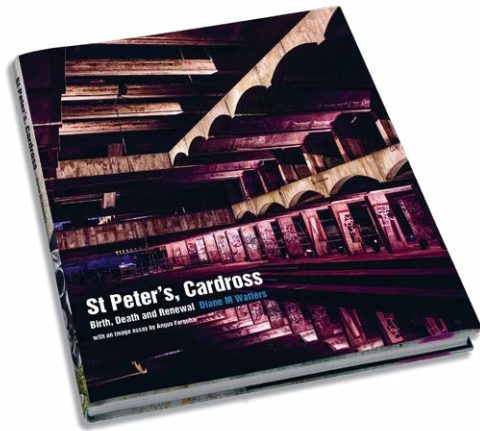
Alexander McCall Smith is one of the world's most prolific and popular authors. His books include the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series and the Scotland Street novels.

Alistair Moffat is an award-winning author of history books, and a former Director of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

James Crawford was Publisher at HES for over ten years. He is the author of the Saltire-nominated *Fallen Glory* and the writer and presenter of the BBC series *Scotland From the Sky*.

James Robertson is a Booker-longlisted author of highly acclaimed novels. He is also a publisher of poetry and children's books in Scots.

Kathleen Jamie is a writer of poetry and non-fiction. She was the winner of the Saltire Book of the Year 2016 and was awarded the 2012 Costa Poetry Prize for *The Overhaul*.



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St Peter's, Cardross

Birth, Death and Renewal

Diane M Watters, with an image essay by Angus Farquhar

The ruin of St Peter's College has sat on a wooded hilltop above the village of Cardross for more than three decades. Over that time, with altars crumbling, graffiti snaking across its walls and nature reclaiming its concrete, it has gained a mythical, cult-like status among architects, preservationists and artists.

St Peter's only fulfilled its original role as a seminary for fourteen years, from 1966 to 1979. As its uncompromising design gave way to prolonged construction and problematic upkeep, the Catholic Church reassessed the role of seminaries, resolving to embed trainee priests not in seclusion, but in communities. Although briefly repurposed as a drug rehabilitation centre, the building was soon abandoned to decay and vandalism.

Ever since, people have argued and puzzled over the future and importance of St Peter's. It has been called both Scotland's best and worst twentieth century building. In 1992, it was listed category A. One of its architects suggested the idea of 'everything being stripped away except the concrete itself – a purely romantic conception of the building as a beautiful ruin'.

In this landmark book, Diane Watters looks at the history of a structure that emerged out of an innovative phase of post-war Catholic church-building. She traces the story of an architectural failure which morphed into a tragic modernist myth: unappreciated architects betrayed by an unloving client, and abandoned by an uncaring society. This is a historian's account of the real story of St Peter's College: an exploration of how one of Scotland's most singular buildings became one of its most troubled – and most celebrated.

Diane M Watters is an architectural historian at HES and teaches at the University of Edinburgh. A specialist in nineteenth and twentieth century architecture and conservation in Scotland, she has undertaken a succession of research based publications and is currently researching the history of Edinburgh's school architecture.

Angus Farquhar was Creative Director of the Glasgow based arts organisation NVA, who used St Peter's for the public artwork *Hinterland* in 2016.

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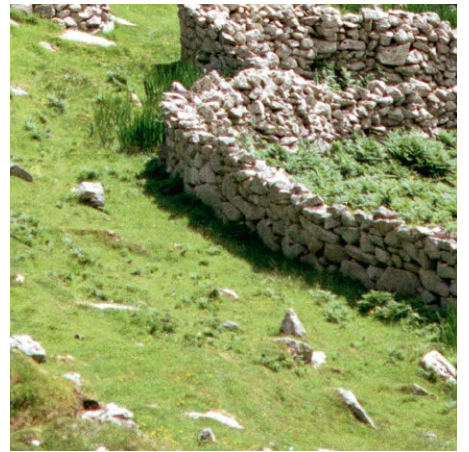
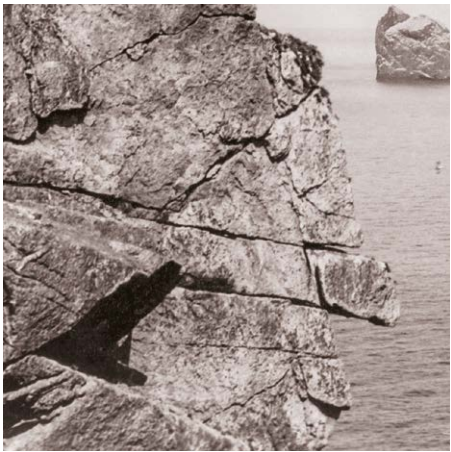
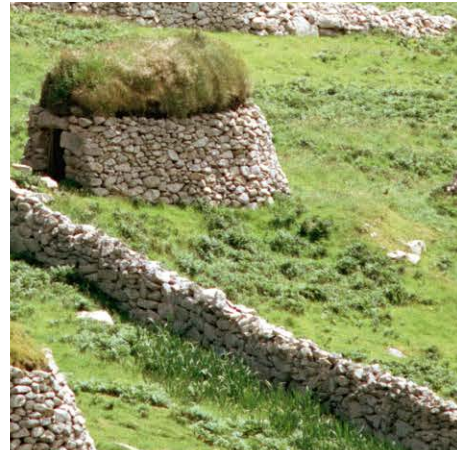
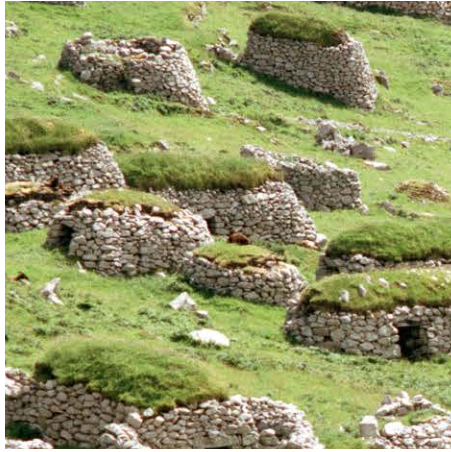
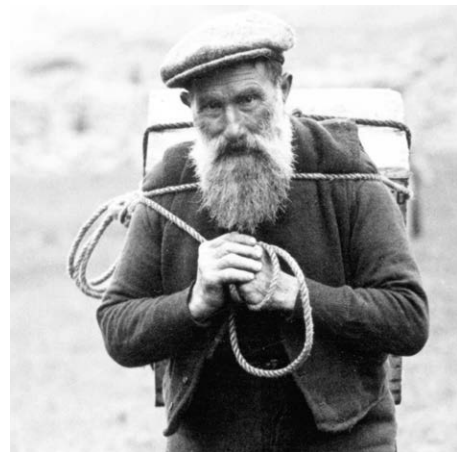
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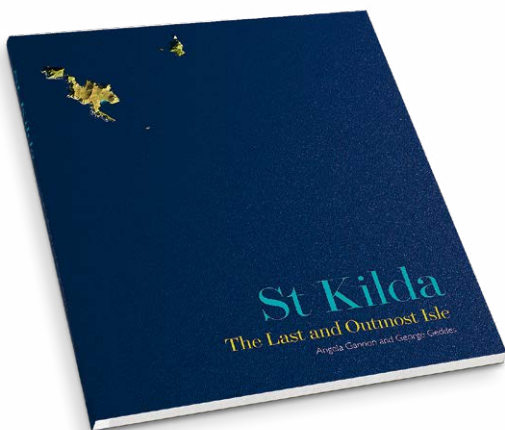
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St Kilda

The Last and Outmost Isle

Angela Gannon and George Geddes

The best-selling definitive history of St Kilda.

In 1527 Hector Boece, the first Principal of King's College Aberdeen, wrote in his extensive *History of the Scottish People* of an island of rocky crags and prehistoric sheep, which could only be reached through extreme danger to life. It was, he explained, 'the last and outmaist Ile' of Scotland. It was St Kilda.

St Kilda breaks the waters of the Atlantic Ocean some 100 miles west of the mainland, and 40 miles west of the Outer Hebridean island of North Uist. On clear days it appears as a dark silhouette on a distant horizon. Approach it, and it resolves into seven shapes - the four islands of Hirta, Boreray, Soay and Dun, and three towering sea stacks. It is an enigmatic and awe-inspiring landscape, a starkly beautiful vision of 'life on the edge' which has fascinated everyone from travellers, antiquarians and conservationists to writers, film crews and tourists. And, perhaps as a result, it is one of the most mythologised and misunderstood places on earth.

Archaeologists Angela Gannon and George Geddes spent over nine months living and working on St Kilda, and have been part of a team which has been researching its complex and remarkable history for more than a decade. In this book they turn the popular perception of the archipelago on its head. St Kilda, they argue, has never existed in total isolation, but has always been linked to a network of communities scattered across the north-western seaboard and the Highlands of Scotland. *St Kilda: The Last and Outmost Isle* pulls St Kilda back from the 'end of the world' to tell a compelling story of triumph over geographical adversity. What makes these islands so special is not their distance from 'civilisation', but rather their enduring capacity to remain a living, connected part of Scotland over the course of some three thousand years.

Angela Gannon, a Historic Environment Scotland archaeologist, led the major field survey project on St Kilda in partnership with the National Trust for Scotland, and is an expert on Scotland's island landscapes.

George Geddes was the National Trust for Scotland's St Kilda Archaeologist in 2008-9, living on the islands for six months. Now an archaeologist at HES, he specialises in the study of Scotland's remote islands.

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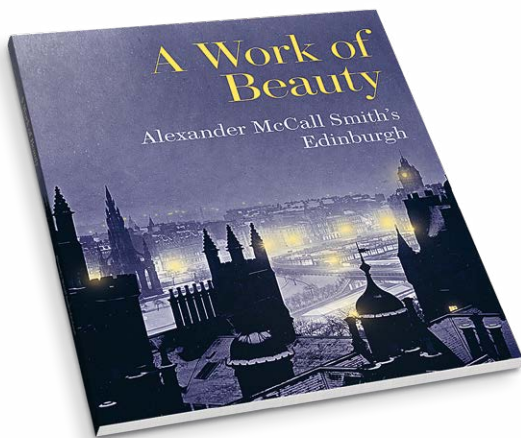
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A Work of Beauty

Alexander McCall Smith's Edinburgh

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'I love this city, and always shall. I write about it. I dream about it. I walk its streets and see something new each day – traces of faded lettering on the stone, still legible, but just; some facade that I have walked past before and not noticed; an unregarded doorway with the names, in brass, of those who lived there sixty years ago, the bell-pulls sometimes still in place, as if one might summon long-departed residents from their slumbers.'

Edinburgh is a city of *stories* – a place that has witnessed everything from great historical upheavals to the individual lives of a remarkable cast of characters. Every spire, cobblestone, bridge, close and avenue has a tale to tell.

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A Work of Beauty is an intimate portrait of a city by one of Scotland's greatest storytellers.

Alexander McCall Smith enjoyed a distinguished career as a Professor of Medical Law at the University of Edinburgh, before turning to writing full-time. He is the author of over 80 books on a wide array of subjects, and his books have been translated into 64 languages.

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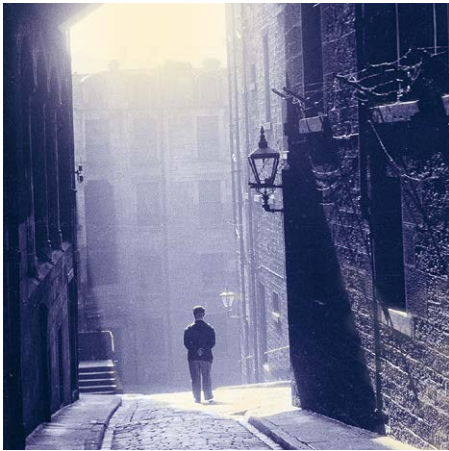
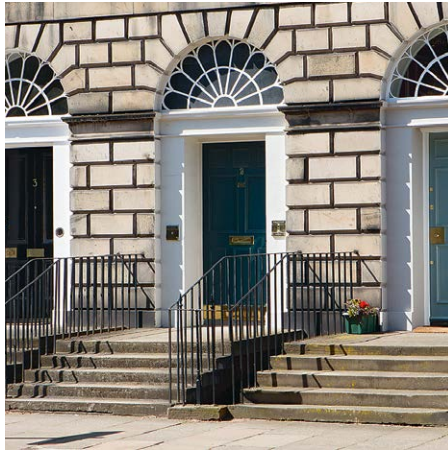
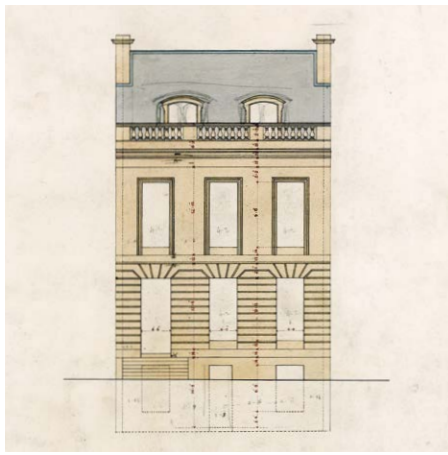
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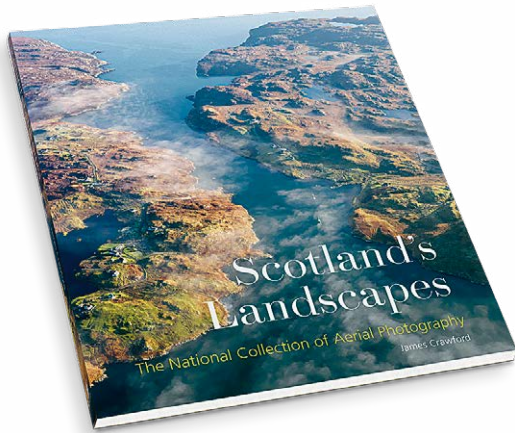
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Scotland's Landscapes

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As the glaciers of the last Ice Age receded, humans ventured into the far north, exploring a wild, fertile territory. Nomadic hunter-gatherers at first, they made the decision to stay for good – to farm and to build.

The landscapes they lived on were remarkable in their diversity. Vast forests of pine and birch ran through one of the world's oldest mountain ranges – once as high as the Himalayas but over millennia scoured and compressed by sheets of ice a mile thick. On hundreds of islands around a saw-edged coastline, communities flourished, linked to each other and the wider world by the sea, the transport superhighway of ancient times. It was a place of challenges and opportunity. A place we know today as Scotland.

Over the past 10,000 years, every inch of Scotland – whether remote hilltop, fertile flood-plain or storm-lashed coastline – has been shaped, changed and moulded by its people. *Scotland's Landscapes* tells the enduring story of this interaction between man and his environment. Stunning imagery from the National Collection of Aerial Photography comes together to build up a picture of a dramatic terrain forged by thousands of years of incredible change. These are Scotland's landscapes as you have never seen or understood them before.

James Crawford is a writer, publisher and broadcaster. His books include *The Edge of the Plain: How Borders Make and Break Our World*, *Wild History: Journeys Into Lost Scotland*, *Scotland's Landscapes* and *Fallen Glory: The Lives and Deaths of the World's Greatest Lost Buildings*. He has also written and presented three series of the BBC One landmark documentary series *Scotland from the Sky*.

'*Scotland's Landscapes* is full to bursting with truly breathtaking scenes from the country's every corner.'

The Scotsman

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'Aerial photographs ... can be absolutely heartstopping. There is a photograph from the sky of Vatersay in *Scotland's Landscapes*. I would almost sooner look at this photo than be there.'

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Edinburgh Castle is one of Scotland's great historic landmarks. The city's most prominent feature, it stands on a volcanic crag that has been occupied since the Bronze Age.

This was a medieval royal castle, a major residence for Scottish kings and queens for centuries. Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to her son James here, and it was only when he became King of England that the castle's royal significance began to wane.

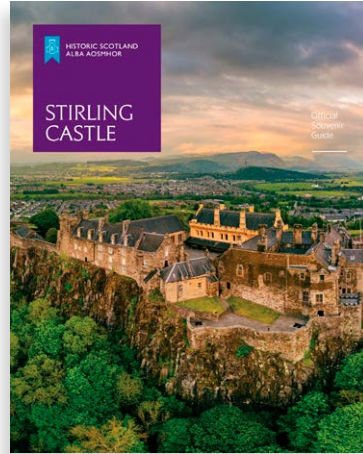
The castle was always a place of military strength, besieged and fought over many times. In later years, it was an army base, where hundreds of soldiers lived. It remains a centre of both royal and military ceremony: home to Scotland's crown jewels, venue for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and focal point of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

This compact new guidebook incorporates new research, new illustrations and new photography and is geared to bringing the castle's long and eventful stories to life, for visitors and non-visitors.

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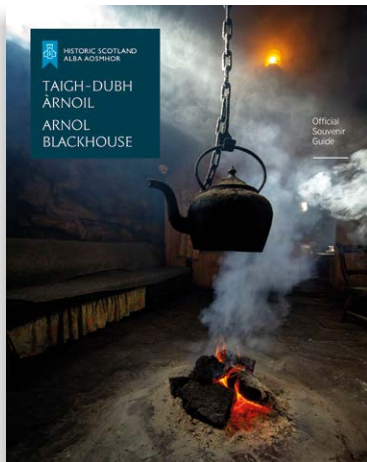
Its strategic importance during the Wars of Independence led to multiple sieges, and it continued in its military role right into the present century.

Stirling was a favourite home of monarchs of the Stewart/Stuart dynasty, and it was here that they commissioned the Great Hall, Palace and Chapel Royal, three of Scotland's finest buildings of the 1500s. The Great Hall and Palace have been restored and recreated, allowing visitors unique insight into the grand lifestyles and décor of the Scottish Renaissance.

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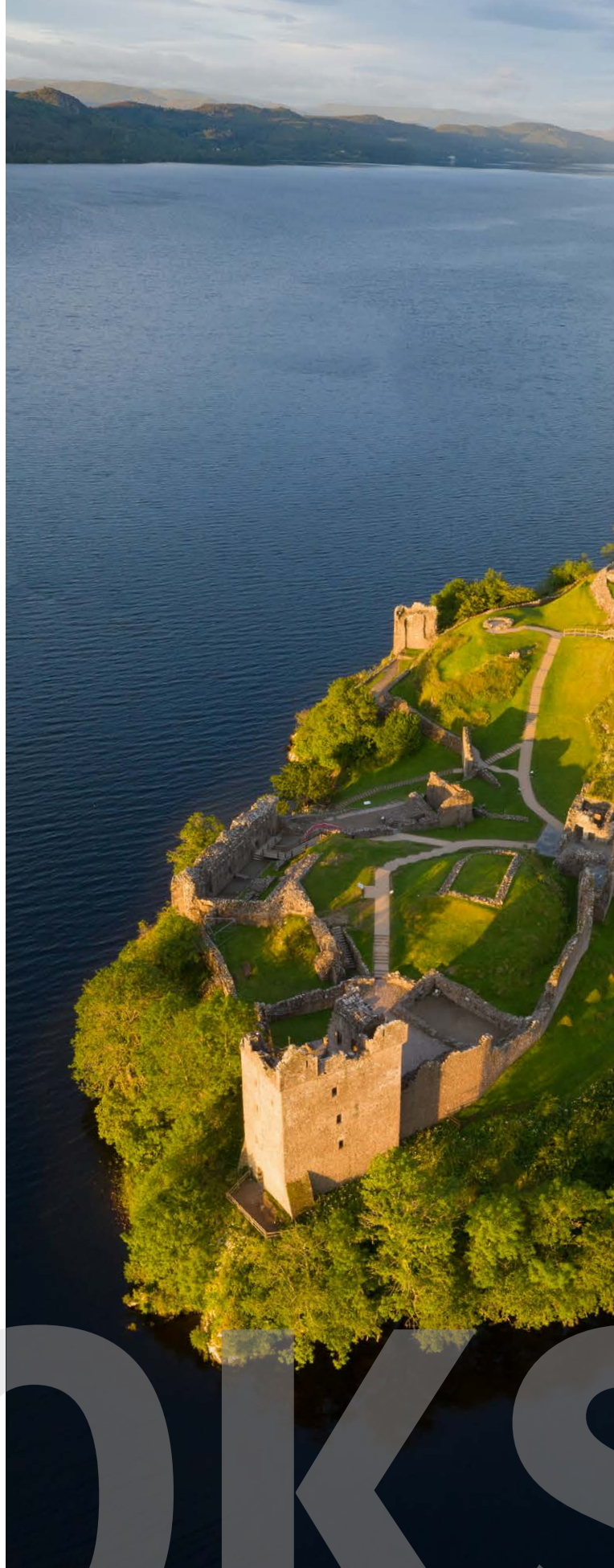
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Urquhart Castle is now a picturesque ruin overlooking the deep and murky waters of Loch Ness. But these walls belonged to a powerful stronghold, perhaps the most important in the Highlands.

Iron Age and Pictish forts may once have stood on this spot. But Urquhart's heyday began in the 1200s, when it was held by Sir Alan Durward, the most powerful Highland lord of his era. After the Wars of Independence, it remained a royal castle into the 1500s, when it became a target for raiders from the Hebrides.

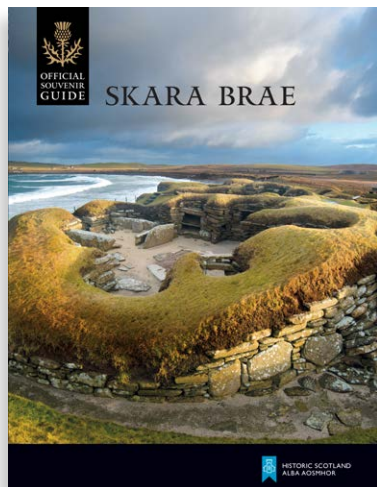
It last saw action during the Jacobite Rising of 1689, when it was damaged beyond repair. Its rugged remains now contain fascinating traces of warfare, work and everyday life in a medieval castle.



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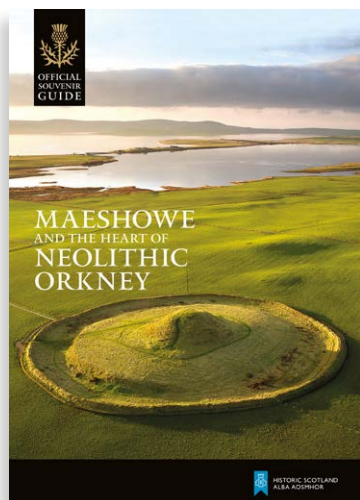
The Neolithic village known as Skara Brae was continuously occupied for about 300 to 400 years, before being abandoned around 2500 BC. Despite severe coastal erosion, eight houses and a workshop have survived largely intact, with their stone furniture still in place. This is the best-preserved settlement of its period in northern Europe, and thousands of artefacts were discovered during excavations of the site.

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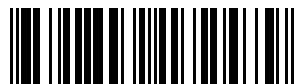
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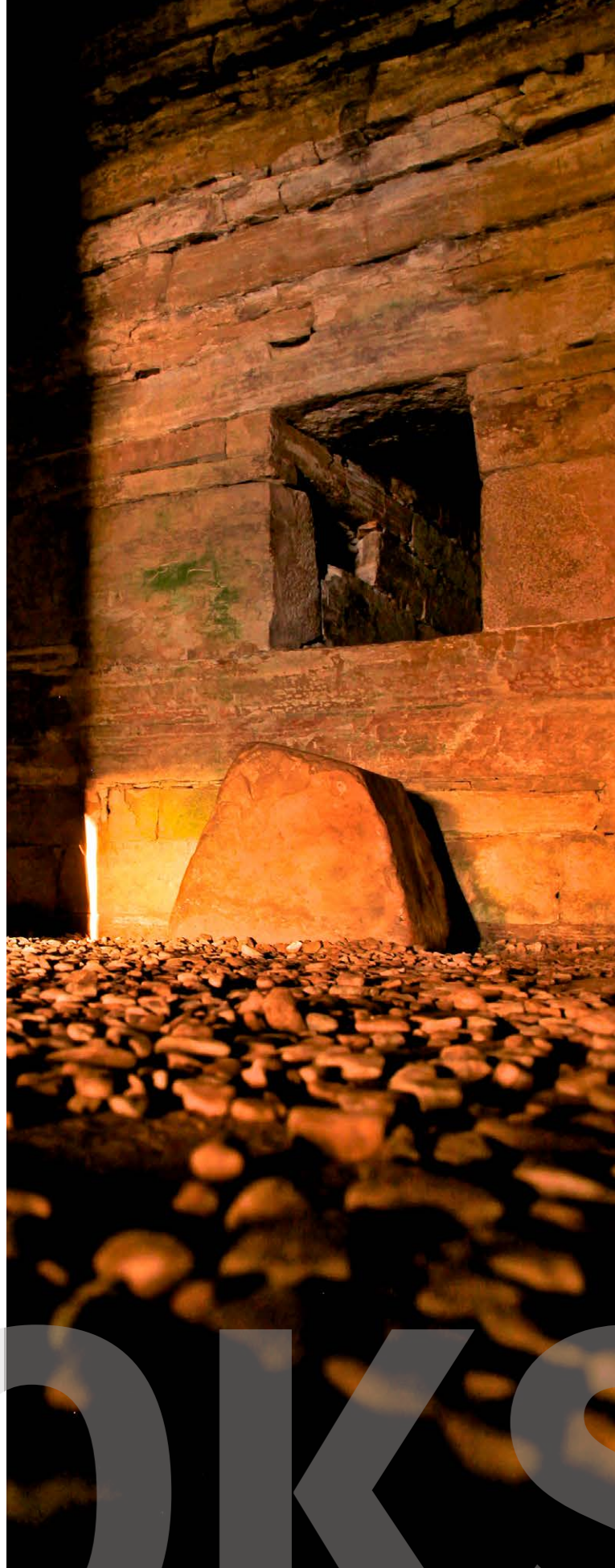
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The chambered tomb of Maeshowe sits in one of the richest and best preserved Neolithic landscapes in Europe. This was a place of stone circles, villages and burial monuments; a place where people lived, worshipped and honoured their dead. The surviving evidence tells us that about 5,000 years ago, Orkney was a thriving focus whose influence was felt many miles away.

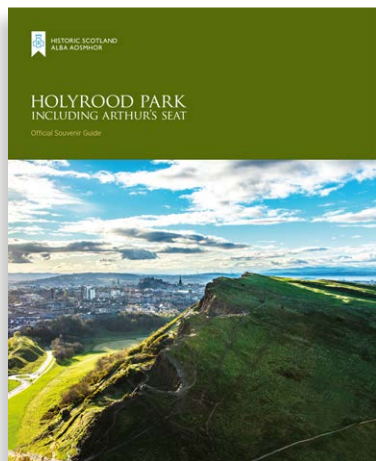
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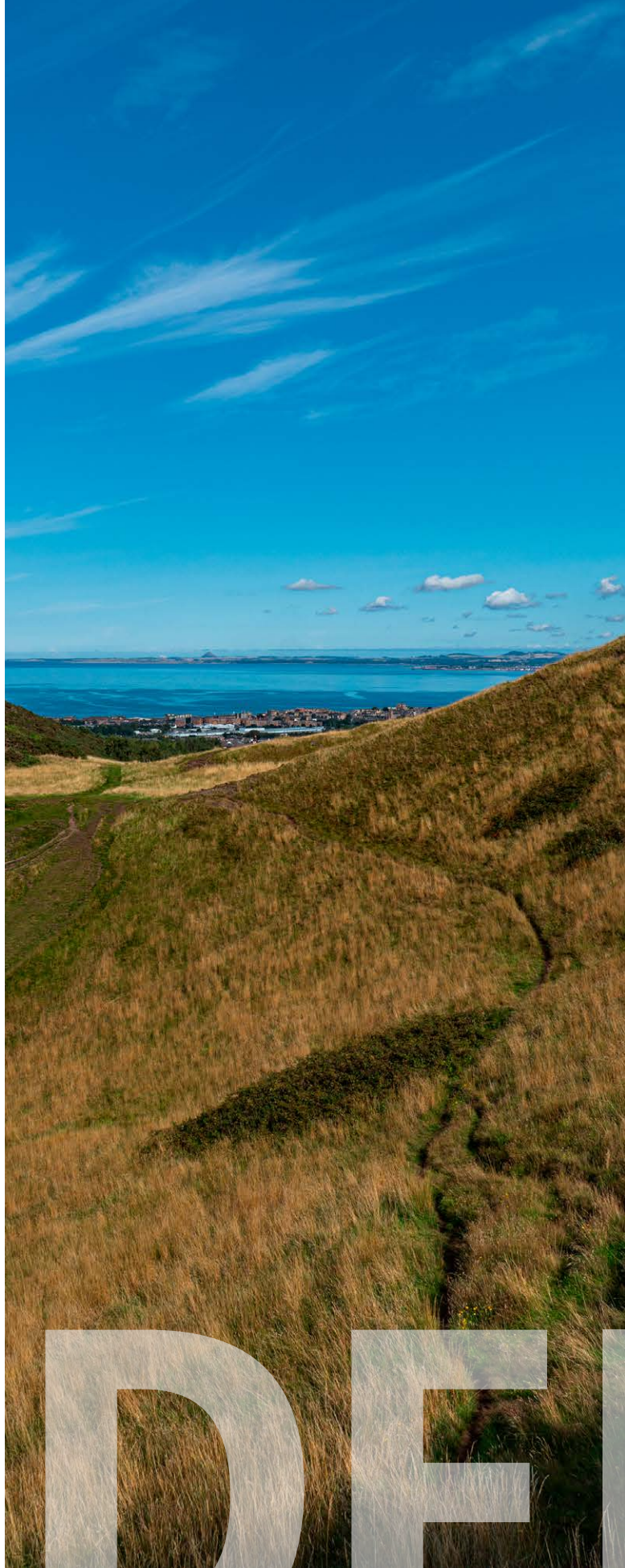
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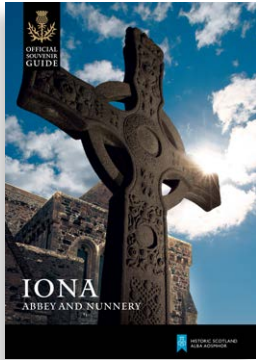
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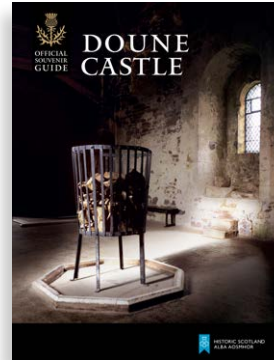
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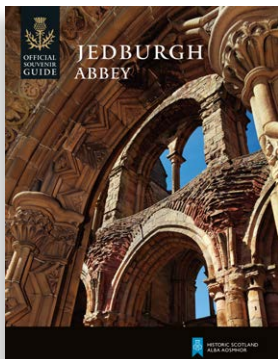
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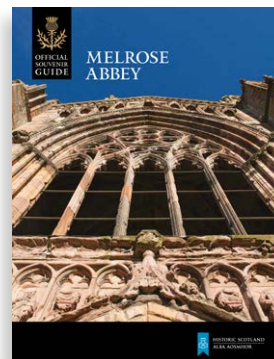
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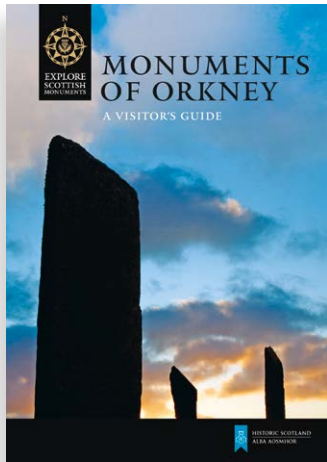
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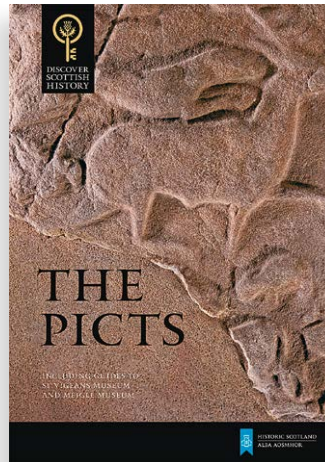
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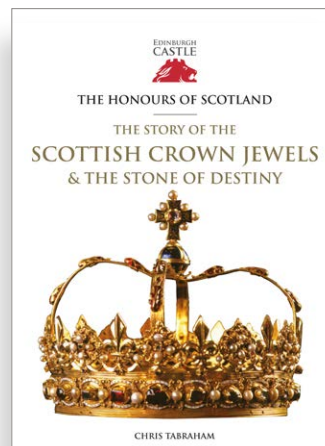
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