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*Military History of Scotland* - Spiers Edward M.  
Spiers 2014-07-11  
The Scottish soldier has been at war for over

2000 years. Until now, no reference work has attempted to examine this vast heritage of warfare. A Military History of Scotland offers

readers an unparalleled insight into the evolution of the Scottish military tradition. This wide-ranging and extensively illustrated volume traces the military history of Scotland from pre-history to the recent conflict in Afghanistan. Edited by three leading military historians, and featuring contributions from thirty scholars, it explores the role of warfare in the emergence of a Scottish kingdom, the forging of a Scottish-British military identity, and the participation of Scots in Britain's imperial and world wars. Eschewing a narrow definition of military history, it investigates the cultural and physical dimensions of Scotland's military past such as Scottish military dress and music, the role of the Scottish soldier in art and literature, Scotland's fortifications and battlefield archaeology, and Scotland's military memorials and museum collections.

*Changing Lands in Changing Memories. Migration and Identity during the Lombard Invasion (Premio Ottone d'Assia 2002)* - Irene

Barbiera 2005-03-01

I cimiteri longobardi utilizzati come fonti preziose di informazione sul passato, e in particolare sull'uso simbolico della cultura materiale. Alla luce delle più recenti teorie sull'archeologia funeraria e dell'etnicità, l'autrice indaga nel dettaglio alcuni contesti funerari di ambito longobardo in Ungheria (Hagiko, Szentendte, Tamasi) e nel Friuli (Cividale, Liariis, Romans d'Isonzo), dove i Longobardi migrarono nel 568. I risultati dell'indagine permettono di avanzare interessanti ipotesi sull'evoluzione delle pratiche funerarie e sul loro significato ideologico e sociale.

**The Picts** - Benjamin Hudson 2014-01-13

The Picts is a survey of the historical and cultural developments in northern Britain between AD 300 and AD 900. Discarding the popular view of the Picts as savages, they are revealed to have been politically successful and culturally adaptive members of the medieval

European world. Re-interprets our definition of 'Pict' and provides a vivid depiction of their political and military organization. Offers an up-to-date overview of Pictish life within the environment of northern Britain. Explains how art such as the 'symbol stones' are historical records as well as evidence of creative inspiration. Draws on a range of transnational and comparative scholarship to place the Picts in their European context.

**From Pictland to Alba, 789-1070** - Alex Woolf  
2007-10-26

In the 780s northern Britain was dominated by two great kingdoms; Pictavia, centred in north-eastern Scotland and Northumbria which straddled the modern Anglo-Scottish border. Within a hundred years both of these kingdoms had been thrown into chaos by the onslaught of the Vikings and within two hundred years they had become distant memories. This book charts the transformation of the political landscape of northern Britain between the eighth and the

eleventh centuries. Central to this narrative is the mysterious disappearance of the Picts and their language and the sudden rise to prominence of the Gaelic-speaking Scots who would replace them as the rulers of the North. *From Pictland to Alba* uses fragmentary sources which survive from this darkest period in Scottish history to guide the reader past the pitfalls which beset the unwary traveller in these dangerous times. Important sources are presented in full and their value as evidence is thoroughly explored and evaluated.

**Conceiving a Nation** - Gilbert Markus  
2017-06-29

This new edition in *The New History of Scotland* series, replacing Alfred Smyth's *Warlords and Holy Men* (1984), covers the history of Scotland in the period up to 900 AD. A great deal has changed in the historiography of this period in the intervening three decades: an entire Pictish kingdom has moved nearly a hundred miles to the north; new archaeological finds have forced

us to rethink old assumptions; and the writing of early medieval history is beginning to struggle out of the shadow of later medieval sources which have too often been read rather naively and without sufficient regard for their implicit ideological agenda. Gilbert Markus brings a stimulating approach to studying this elusive period, analysing both its litter of physical evidence as well as its literary sources - what he calls 'luminous debris' - as a method of shedding light on the reality of the period. In doing so, he reforms our historical perceptions of what has often been dismissed as a 'dark age'.

**Modern Scottish Diaspora** - Murray Stewart  
Leith 2014-07-21

Brings together well-established and emerging scholars from a variety of disciplines to present a contemporary 'diasporic' perspective on national affairs for Scotland. The book reflects a growing interest in the subject from academics, policy makers and

Domination and Lordship - Richard Oram

2011-02-21

This book discussed the processes by which the Gaelic kingdom of Alba established its mastery over the lesser kingdoms of northern mainland Britain and transformed itself into a state recognisable as Scotland.

**Picts, Gaels and Scots** - Sally M. Foster  
2014-11-01

A look at Scotland before it was Scotland, with illustrations and photos included: "An outstanding book." —Current Archaeology Early historic Scotland—from the fifth to the tenth century AD—was home to a variety of diverse peoples and cultures, all competing for land and supremacy. Yet by the eleventh century it had become a single, unified kingdom, known as Alba, under a stable and successful monarchy. How did this happen, and when? At the heart of this mystery lies the extraordinary influence of the Picts and of their neighbors, the Gaels—originally immigrants from Ireland. In this new and revised edition of her acclaimed

book, Sally M. Foster establishes the nature of their contribution and, drawing on the latest archaeological evidence and research, highlights numerous themes, including the following: the origins of the Picts and Gaels; the significance of the remarkable Pictish symbols and other early historic sculpture; the art of war and the role of kingship in tribal society; settlement, agriculture, industry and trade; religious beliefs and the impact of Christianity; and how the Picts and Gaels became Scots.

**Industry, Empire and Unrest** - Iain Hutchison  
2020-01-31

Industry, Reform and Empire traces the evolution of politics from a repressive, reactionary and electorally restricted regime before 1832 to an era of wider franchise and sweeping institutional reform. Focusing on the impact of rapid industrialisation, the author shows how it transformed the economic and social identity of urban and rural Scotland. Drawing on a wealth of primary sources, the

book reveals the effects of these economic and political changes on the fabric of Scottish society, including the convulsions they caused in Presbyterianism that culminated in the Disruption of 1843.

*Máel Coluim III, 'Canmore'* - Neil McGuigan  
2021-08-03

The legendary Scottish king Máel Coluim III, also known as 'Malcolm Canmore', is often held to epitomize Scotland's 'ancient Gaelic kings'. But Máel Coluim and his dynasty were in fact newcomers, and their legitimacy and status were far from secure at the beginning of his rule. Máel Coluim's long reign from 1058 until 1093 coincided with the Norman Conquest of England, a revolutionary event that presented great opportunities and terrible dangers. Although his interventions in post-Conquest England eventually cost him his life, the book argues that they were crucial to his success as both king and dynasty-builder, creating internal stability and facilitating the takeover of

Strathclyde and Lothian. As a result, Máel Coluim left to his successors a territory that stretched far to the south of the kingship's heartland north of the Forth, similar to the Scotland we know today. The book explores the wider political and cultural world in which Máel Coluim lived, guiding the reader through the pitfalls and possibilities offered by the sources that mediate access to that world. Our reliance on so few texts means that the eleventh century poses problems that historians of later eras can avoid. Nevertheless Scotland in Máel Coluim's time generated unprecedented levels of attention abroad and more vernacular literary output than at any time prior to the Stewart era. *The Scottish Witch-Hunt in Context* - Julian Goodare 2002-09-21

This book is a collection of essays on Scottish witchcraft and witch-hunting, which covers the whole period of the Scottish witch-hunt, from the mid-16th century to the early 18th. It particularly emphasizes the later stages, since

scholars are now as keen to explain why witch-hunting declined as why it occurred. There are studies of particular witchcraft panics, including a reassessment of the role of King James VI. The book thus covers a wide range of topics concerned with Scottish witch-hunting - and also places it in the context of other topics: gender relations, folklore, magic and healing, and moral regulation by church and state.

**Medieval St Andrews** - Michael Brown 2017  
First extended treatment of the city of St Andrews during the middle ages.

**The Picts** - Tim Clarkson 2016-08-20  
A British historian explores the mysterious Scottish culture of the Iron Age and Early Middle Ages whose enigmatic symbols adorn standing stones. The Picts were an ancient nation who ruled most of northern and eastern Scotland during the Dark Ages. Despite their historical importance, they remain shrouded in myth and misconception. Absorbed by the kingdom of the Scots in the ninth century, they

lost their unique identity, their language and their vibrant artistic culture. Among their few surviving traces are standing stones decorated with incredible skill and covered with enigmatic symbols. The Pictish Stones offer some of the few remaining clues to the powerful and gifted people who bequeathed no chronicles to tell the sagas of their kings and heroes. In this book, Medieval historian Tim Clarkson pieces together the evidence to tell the story of this mysterious people from their emergence in Roman times to their eventual disappearance.

**Annals of the Caledonians, Picts, and Scots** - Joseph Ritson 1828

The Pictish Conquest - James E. Fraser 2006  
The Pictish defeat of the Northumbrians is an important turning point in Scottish history. Waged on Saturday 20 May 685, the battle of Dunnichen, fought near Forfar in north-eastern Scotland, is the best-documented event in the history of the Picts. The battle of Dunnichen has

been seen as a pivotal moment in the history of the Scottish nation.

The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies - Donald Bloxham 2010-04-15

Genocide has scarred human societies since Antiquity. In the modern era, genocide has been a global phenomenon: from massacres in colonial America, Africa, and Australia to the Holocaust of European Jewry and mass death in Maoist China. In recent years, the discipline of 'genocide studies' has developed to offer analysis and comprehension. The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies is the first book to subject both genocide and the young discipline it has spawned to systematic, in-depth investigation. Thirty-four renowned experts study genocide through the ages by taking regional, thematic, and disciplinary-specific approaches. Chapters examine secessionist and political genocides in modern Asia. Others treat the violent dynamics of European colonialism in Africa, the complex ethnic geography of the

Great Lakes region, and the structural instability of the continent's northern horn. South and North America receive detailed coverage, as do the Ottoman Empire, Nazi-occupied Europe, and post-communist Eastern Europe. Sustained attention is paid to themes like gender, memory, the state, culture, ethnic cleansing, military intervention, the United Nations, and prosecutions. The work is multi-disciplinary, featuring the work of historians, anthropologists, lawyers, political scientists, sociologists, and philosophers. Uniquely combining empirical reconstruction and conceptual analysis, this Handbook presents and analyses regions of genocide and the entire field of 'genocide studies' in one substantial volume.

*Art and Worship in the Insular World* -  
2021-08-16

The book examines the lived experience of worship in early medieval England and Ireland, ranging from public experience of church and stone sculptures, to monastic life, to personal

contemplation of, and meditation on, manuscript illuminations and other devotional objects.

*How the Scots Invented the Modern World* -  
Arthur Herman 2007-12-18

An exciting account of the origins of the modern world Who formed the first literate society? Who invented our modern ideas of democracy and free market capitalism? The Scots. As historian and author Arthur Herman reveals, in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries Scotland made crucial contributions to science, philosophy, literature, education, medicine, commerce, and politics—contributions that have formed and nurtured the modern West ever since. Herman has charted a fascinating journey across the centuries of Scottish history. Here is the untold story of how John Knox and the Church of Scotland laid the foundation for our modern idea of democracy; how the Scottish Enlightenment helped to inspire both the American Revolution and the U.S. Constitution; and how thousands of Scottish immigrants left

their homes to create the American frontier, the Australian outback, and the British Empire in India and Hong Kong. *How the Scots Invented the Modern World* reveals how Scottish genius for creating the basic ideas and institutions of modern life stamped the lives of a series of remarkable historical figures, from James Watt and Adam Smith to Andrew Carnegie and Arthur Conan Doyle, and how Scottish heroes continue to inspire our contemporary culture, from William “Braveheart” Wallace to James Bond. And no one who takes this incredible historical trek will ever view the Scots—or the modern West—in the same way again.

**Peopling Insular Art** - Cynthia Thickpenny  
2020-07-31

The International Conference on Insular Art (IIAC) is the leading forum for scholars of the visual and material culture of early medieval Ireland and Britain, including manuscript illumination, sculpture, metalwork, and textiles, and encompassing the work of Anglo-Saxon-,

Celtic- and Norse-speaking artists. The present volume contains a selection of papers presented at the eighth IIAC, which took place in Glasgow 11-14 July 2017. The theme of IIAC8 - Peopling Insular Art: Practice, Performance, Perception - was intended to focus attention on those who commissioned, created, and engaged with Insular art objects, and how they conceptualised, fashioned, and experienced them (with ‘engagement’ covering not only contemporary audiences, but later medieval and modern ones too). The twenty-one articles gathered here reflect the diverse ways in which this theme has been interpreted. They demonstrate the intellectual vibrancy of Insular art studies, its international outlook, its interdisciplinarity, and its openness to innovative technologies and approaches, while at the same time demonstrating the strength and enduring value of established methodologies and research practices. The studies collected here focus not only on made objects, but on the creative

processes and intellectual decisions which informed their making. This volume brings Insular makers – the illuminators, pattern-makers, rubricators, carvers, and casters – to the fore.

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"Examines the transformation of Iron Age northern Britain into a land of Christian kingdoms, long before 'Scotland' came into existence."--Page 4 of cover.

**The Impact of Latin Culture on Medieval and Early Modern Scottish Writing** - Ian Johnson 2018-04-30

In the late medieval and early modern periods, Scottish latinity had its distinctive stamp, most intriguingly so in its effects upon the literary vernacular and on themes of national identity. This volume shows how, when viewed through the prism of latinity, Scottish textuality was distinctive and fecund. The flowering of Scottish writing owed itself to a subtle combination of

literary praxis, the ideal of eloquentia, and ideological deftness, which enabled writers to service a burgeoning national literary tradition. **Scotland's Road to Independence** - Alan W. Ertl 2013-11

This book surveys elements that have influenced the Scottish people over time and led to the formation of a distinct sui generis identity. The modern state is an amalgam of people who inhabit a specific given territory, people whose thinking has been formed by circumstances and events which over time, forge a collective identity and establish self-expression and determination. Environmental happenstances, the genetic and intellectual makeup of the people, the overcoming of common challenges, and the interpretation of historical events all play a role in the development of this collective thinking, forming the modern mental structure of a given population. In the case of the Scots, these elements have created an endemic view of the world that is unique and recognizable. This

text identifies these influences and traces their development through time as they formed the self-felt identity of the modern nation which has inherited the territory of Scotland. Reviewed herein are some of the main factors which have provoked a natural and correct desire for an independent state in Europe: a Scotland for the Scots.

The Battle of Dunnichen, 685 - James Earle Fraser 2002-01-01

*The Philosopher King and the Pictish Nation* - Julianna Grigg 2015-05

The political climate of early medieval northern Britain was dynamic. Throughout the 7th and 8th centuries, identifiable kingdoms came into prominence and new ideas on political governance promoted territorial consolidation. Among these kingdoms, Pictland also underwent a political evolution. This book examines a crucial stage in the emergence of Pictland as a cohesive nation under dynastic kingship. It

draws on Irish and Anglo-Saxon comparanda and archaeological evidence to offer a new perspective on the way in which power was articulated to forge national identity. Central to this narrative was a dynasty of Pictish kings whose political careers shaped the destiny of their kingdom, none more so than the philosopher king Necthon, son of Derilei, whose expansionary tactics and diplomacy married political action with the formative influence of Christianity. The book reappraises Necthon's reign to present the first comprehensive examination of this authoritative king while offering important insights into the processes that propel political consolidation. [Subject: History, Medieval Studies, Irish Studies, British Studies]

Pictish Progress - 2010-11-11

Survey chapters analyse advances in studies of Pictish culture during the last fifty years. Interdisciplinary case studies cover archaeology, place-names, history, liturgy, and history within

a wider European framework.

**Fortified Settlements in Early Medieval Europe** - Neil Christie 2016-08-31

Twenty-three contributions by leading archaeologists from across Europe explore the varied forms, functions and significances of fortified settlements in the 8th to 10th centuries AD. These could be sites of strongly martial nature, upland retreats, monastic enclosures, rural seats, island bases, or urban nuclei. But they were all expressions of control - of states, frontiers, lands, materials, communities - and ones defined by walls, ramparts or enclosing banks. Papers run from Irish cashels to Welsh and Pictish strongholds, Saxon burhs, Viking fortresses, Byzantine castra, Carolingian creations, Venetian barricades, Slavic strongholds, and Bulgarian central places, and coverage extends fully from north-west Europe, to central Europe, the northern Mediterranean and the Black Sea. Strongly informed by recent fieldwork and excavations, but drawing also

where available on the documentary record, this important collection provides fully up-to-date reviews and analyses of the archaeologies of the distinctive settlement forms that characterized Europe in the Early Middle Ages.

*A People's History of Scotland* - Chris Bambery 2014-06-01

Nation, people, land: the first history from below of Scotland in over sixty years *A People's History of Scotland* looks beyond the kings and queens, the battles and bloody defeats of the past. It captures the history that matters today, stories of freedom fighters, suffragettes, the workers of Red Clydeside, and the hardship and protest of the treacherous Thatcher era. With riveting storytelling, Chris Bambery recounts the struggles for nationhood. He charts the lives of Scots who changed the world, as well as those who fought for the cause of ordinary people at home, from the poets Robbie Burns and Hugh MacDiarmid to campaigners such as John Maclean and Helen Crawford. This is a

passionate cry for more than just independence but also for a nation based on social justice.

### **The Birsay Bay Project Volume 3 -**

Christopher D. Morris 2021-06-23

The Brough of Birsay was the power-center of the Viking earldom of Orkney and is one of Historic Environment Scotland's key monuments and visitor attractions on the islands. This publication is the culmination of 60 years of investigations that took place on the site between 1954 and 2014. This new volume incorporates comprehensive accounts of work undertaken by Dr Raleigh Radford and Mr Stewart Cruden between 1954 and 1964, excavations by the Viking and Early Settlement Research Project under the direction of the author on site between 1974 and 1981, a rescue excavation in 1993, a geophysical survey in 2007 and archival research up to 2014. Specialist artefactual and palaeobiological studies of metallurgical material, ogham inscriptions and a gilt-bronze mount of Insular origin are included,

together with re-analysis of the radiocarbon dates from all sites in Birsay Bay, and a re-assessment of the architecture and dating of the church and related buildings on the Brough itself. The final two chapters put the Brough, as both a Pictish power-center and the hub of the Viking earldom, in the overall context of Birsay Bay and Viking and late Norse Orkney, and the wider world between the Pictish and late Norse/Medieval periods. As well as being the author's third and final volume reporting on work for the Birsay Bay Project, this volume completes a trilogy of studies of the Brough itself, alongside Mrs Cecil Curle's and Prof John Hunter's earlier monographs.

Enlightenment in a Smart City - Murray Pittock  
2018-11-14

This is a study of Enlightenment in Edinburgh like no other. Using data and models provided by urban studies theory, it pinpoints the distinctive features that made Enlightenment in the Scottish capital possible.

**Roadworks** - Valerie Allen 2016-01-01

A groundbreaking, interdisciplinary study of roads and wayfinding in medieval England, Wales, and Scotland. It looks afresh at the relationship between the road as a material condition of daily life and the formation of local and national communities.

*The Welsh and the Medieval World* - Patricia Skinner 2018-02-07

How did the Welsh travel beyond their geographical borders in the Middle Ages? What did they do, what did they take with them in their baggage, and what did they bring back? This book seeks for the first time to capture the medieval Welsh on the move, and core to its purpose is the exploration of identity within and outside the Welsh territories - particularly since 'Welsh' may have become a fluid term to describe a stranger, often pejoratively. The contributors also seek to explore the nature of 'Welsh history' as a discipline. How can a consideration of the Welsh abroad draw upon

wider paradigms of nationhood, diaspora and colonisation; economic migration; gender relations; and the pursuit of educational, religious and cultural opportunities? Is there anything specifically 'Welsh' about the experiences of medieval migrants and correspondents? And what can the medieval experience of Welsh people exploring the then known world contribute to the longer-term history of emigration and exchange? Examining archaeological, historical and literary evidence together, this book enables a better understanding of the ways in which people from Wales interacted with and understood their near and distant neighbours.

*Sociolinguistic History of Scotland* - Robert McColl Millar 2020-04-15

Robert McColl Millar examines how language has been used in Scotland since the earliest times. While primarily focusing on the histories of the speakers of Scots and Gaelic, and their competition with the encroaching use of

(Scottish) Standard English, he also traces the decline and eventual 'death' of Pictish, British and Norn. Four case studies illustrate the historical development of North East Scots, Scottish Standard English, Shetland Scots and Glasgow Scots. Immigrant languages are also discussed throughout the book.

**Song of the Picts** - Paul W Simpson 2022-10-17

Included in this volume is a comprehensive *Historia Pictorum*, a Pictish symbols dictionary, a brief social and cultural history of the Picts, and an introduction to the Pictish Royal families of the eight Pictish kingdoms. Description (1462 / 2500) The Picts are not a mysterious alien race from another planet, their history and culture have not vanished. Languages, oral traditions, crafts, religious influences, ruins, archaeological relics and their DNA have all survived down through the years to this day. What has been lost is our knowledge to interpret what they passed down to us over the generations. What began as a series of feuding clans and tribes at the time

the Romans invaded Prydein slowly morphed into a series of nations forged in a shared history of survival. War and cultural interactions with Romans forced the tribes to adapt and unite behind strong leaders and stronger families. From the unification of tribes and clans emerged perhaps a dozen families that vied for the right to rule the eight main provinces of the Pictish Britons. For this is what they were, Britons, like those from Cornwall to the Shetlands, from Kent to the west coast of Ireland. Britons with shared culture, languages, technologies, religious beliefs, trade, kinship links and a shared history of the islands. What forged them into kingdoms, then nations were the transformational arrivals of outsiders like the Beaker Folk, Celts, Romans, Germanic tribes, Vikings, Normans and the rest. European Archaeology as Anthropology - Pam J. Crabtree 2017-03-21

Since the days of V. Gordon Childe, the study of the emergence of complex societies has been a central question in anthropological archaeology.

However, archaeologists working in the Americanist tradition have drawn most of their models for the emergence of social complexity from research in the Middle East and Latin America. Bernard Wailes was a strong advocate for the importance of later prehistoric and early medieval Europe as an alternative model of sociopolitical evolution and trained generations of American archaeologists now active in European research from the Neolithic to the Middle Ages. Two centuries of excavation and research in Europe have produced one of the richest bodies of archaeological data anywhere in the world. The abundant data show that technological innovations such as metallurgy appeared very early, but urbanism and state formation are comparatively late developments. Key transformative process such as the spread of agriculture did not happen uniformly but rather at different rates in different regions. The essays in this volume celebrate the legacy of Bernard Wailes by highlighting the contribution

of the European archaeological record to our understanding of the emergence of social complexity. They provide case studies in how ancient Europe can inform anthropological archaeology. Not only do they illuminate key research topics, they also invite archaeologists working in other parts of the world to consider comparisons to ancient Europe as they construct models for cultural development for their regions. Although there is a substantial corpus of literature on European prehistoric and medieval archaeology, we do not know of a comparable volume that explicitly focuses on the contribution that the study of ancient Europe can make to anthropological archaeology.

*Scotland Re-formed, 1488-1587* - Jane Dawson  
2007-10-26

From the death of James III to the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots, Jane Dawson tells story of Scotland from the perspective of its regions and of individual Scots, as well as incorporating the view from the royal court. *Scotland Re-formed*

shows how the country was re-formed as the relationship between church and crown changed, with these two institutions converging, merging and diverging, thereby permanently altering the nature of Scottish governance.

Society was also transformed, especially by the feuars, new landholders who became the backbone of rural Scotland. The Reformation Crisis of 1559-60 brought the establishment of a Protestant Kirk, an institution influencing the lives of Scots for many centuries, and a diplomatic revolution that discarded the 'auld alliance' and locked Scotland's future into the British Isles. Although the disappearance of the pre-Reformation church left a patronage deficit with disastrous effects for Scottish music and art, new forms of cultural expression arose that

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*The Life of Saint Columba* - Saint Adamnan 1874

*A History of Scotland* - Allan I. Macinnes  
2018-09-27

This illuminating and insightful guide offers a comprehensive overview of Scottish history, from the kingdom's genesis in the ninth century to the independence debates of the present day. Considering both internal dynamics and international horizons, Allan Macinnes asserts Scotland's heritage as significant and compelling in its own right, rather than reducing it to an offshoot of England's past. Rigorous and wide-ranging, this textbook is an essential companion for undergraduate and postgraduate students of History. Its lively and accessible style makes it suitable for anyone with an interest in Scotland's national development.

*Pabay* - Christopher Whatley 2019-09-18

The tiny diamond-shaped island of Pabay lies in Skye's Inner Sound, just two and a half miles

from the bustling village of Broadford. One of five Hebridean islands of that name, it derives from the Norse *papa-ey*, meaning 'island of the priest'. Many visitors since the first holy men built their chapel there have felt that Pabay is a deeply spiritual place, and one of wonder. These include the great 19th-century geologists Hugh Miller and Archibald Geikie, for whom the island's rocks and fossil-laden shales revealed much about the nature of Creation itself. Len and Margaret Whatley moved to Pabay from the Midlands and lived there from 1950 until 1970. Leaving a landlocked life in Birmingham for the emptiness of an uninhabited island was a brave and challenging move for which nothing could have prepared them. Christopher Whatley, their nephew, was a regular visitor to Pabay whilst they lived there. In this book, based on archival research, oral interviews, memory and personal experience, he explores the history of this tiny island jewel, and the people for whom it has been home, to create a vivid picture of the trials,

tribulations and joys of island life.

*A New History of the Picts* - Stuart McHardy  
2020-04-17

When the Romans came north to what is now modern Scotland they encountered the fierce and proud warrior society known as the Picts, who despite their lack of discipline and arms, managed to prevent the undefeated Roman Army from conquering the northern part of Britain, just as they later repulsed the Angles and the Vikings. *A New History of the Picts* is an accessible true history of the Picts, who are so often misunderstood. New historical analysis, recently discovered evidence and an innovative Scottish perspective will expose long held assumptions about the native people. This controversial text contests that Scottish history has long since been dominated and distorted by misleading perspectives. *A New History of the Picts* discredits the idea that the Picts were a strange historical anomaly and shows them to be the descendants of the original inhabitants of the

land, living in a series of loose tribal confederations gradually brought together by external forces to create one of the earliest

states in Europe: a people, who after repulsing all invaders, merged with their cousins, the Scots of Argyll, to create modern Scotland. All of Scotland descends from the fierce Picts.