



## **Reading list:**

### **History:**

Scotland: A New History by Michael Lynch

This full length history of Scotland spanning 18 centuries, from the Picts to the 1980s. The landmarks of Scottish history - the Wars of Independence, the Reformation, the Union of Crowns and the Union of Parliaments, the Jacobite rebellions, the Enlightenment and the Industrial Revolution, are all covered.

Picts, Gaels and Scots. Sally M. Foster

The author, as an Inspector of Ancient Monuments with Historic Scotland, knows her stuff. The coverage of the Early Historic period (5th-10th century) when Celtic tribes interacted to eventually come together in a Scottish nation.

Cradle of the Scots, An Argyll Anthology by Brian D. Osborne and Ronald Armstrong

This celebration of the literary tradition of Argyll ranges from Anomnan in the 7th century to Naomi Mitchson in the 20th. It contains a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry with introductions setting the writers in context.

Argyll, The Enduring Heartland by Marion Campbell

The author belongs to an old Argyll-shire family, and is a highly respected amateur historian and archaeologist. This book is a very readable work of solid history combined with imagination, ranging from prehistory to the 20th century.

The Drove Roads of Scotland by A.R.B. Haldane

Good general chapters on the history of Droving, especially in the 18th & 19th centuries, as well as a chapter on the Drove Roads of Argyll. He describes the main ones, including our String of Lorn and Leckan Muir crossings.

The Making of the Crofting Community by James Hunter

Arguably the recent work on the Highland Clearances. Achieves the difficult trick of being academically respectable and still very readable.

Exploring Scotland's Heritage: Argyll and the Western Isles by Graham Ritchie & Mary Harman

Opens with a good introduction outlining the comings and goings of peoples across Argyll and the Isles from the earliest Mesolithic hunters to the radical changes of the 18th and 19th centuries. There then follow well-illustrated accounts of the most important sites.

Arran: behind the scenes, Gillean Bussell

This book reveals through history and folklore some of the lesser known secrets of Arran's past.

### **Fiction:**

The novels of Neil Munro (of Inveraray) are set largely in mainland Argyll. Written about a century ago, they revolve around still earlier history and evoke its landscape and manners well. Titles include Doom Castle, John Splendid and The New Road.

### **Traditional Tales:**

The Isles of the Sea & other West Highland Tales by Sir Fitzroy Maclean

Many of these tales are from Argyll. Many are also rather gruesome (as are the accompanying sketches) but nevertheless they're very readable.