

Creature Cards Scottish Natural Heritage Home

A rash act by Marcus starts off a catalogue of events that turns into a frightening roller-coaster ride of theft, intrigue and deception; testing the two men's friendship to the limit. As the two struggle with their predicament they become inextricably drawn ever deeper into the shadowy past of the Romanov dynasty.

There are few marine creatures as spectacular as the Basking Shark. At up to 11 metres in length and seven tonnes in weight, this colossal, plankton-feeding fish is one of the largest in the world, second only to the whale shark. Historically, Basking Sharks were a familiar sight in the northern hemisphere – off the coasts of Norway, Scotland, Ireland, Canada and the USA, for example. In an 18th Century world without electricity, they became the focus of active hunting for their huge livers containing large amounts of valuable oil, primarily used in lamps. Catch numbers were small enough to leave populations largely intact, but during the 20th Century a new breed of hunter joined the fray, some driven as much by a need for adventure as for financial gain. With improved equipment and experience, they exploited the shark on an industrial scale that drastically reduced numbers, leading to localised near-extinction in some areas. From the 1970's onward a new generation took to the seas, this time with conservation in mind to identify where the shark might still be found in the waters around the British Isles, employing new technologies to solve long-standing mysteries about the behaviour of this elusive creature. Using the best of both old and new research techniques, the case was built to justify the species becoming one of the most protected sharks in the oceans. Today, the Basking Shark is a much-loved cornerstone of our natural heritage. There are positive signs that the population has stabilised and may even be slowly recovering from the damage of the past, proving that timely conservation measures can be effective. Join us on a journey amidst wild seas, places, people and conservation history in the battle to protect this iconic creature – a true sea monster's tale.

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'No one writes more movingly, or with such transporting poetic skill, about encounters with wild creatures. Its pages course with sympathy, humility, and wisdom' Helen Macdonald, author of *H is for Hawk*
From his home deep in a Scottish glen, John Lister-Kaye has watched and come to understand intimately the movements and habits of the animals, and in particular the birds, that inhabit the wild and magnificent Highlands. Drawing on a lifetime of observation, *Gods of the Morning* is his wise and affectionate celebration of the British countryside and the birds that come and go through the year. It is also a lyrical reminder of the relationship we have lost with the seasons and a call to look afresh at the natural world around us.

The second edition of this comprehensive guide to Orkney and Shetland, which includes Fair Isle. It also covers the 'jumping off' harbours on south side of the Pentland Firth and the mainland coast of Scotland between Inverness and Cape Wrath. The guide has been fully updated throughout. In the same style as the other Clyde Cruising Club Sailing directions published under the Imray imprint. The section on the north coast of Scotland draws on work previously published from Martin Lawrence.

The area covered by this cruising guide stretches northwards from the Mull of Kintyre to the Ardamurchan peninsula, detailing some of the finest cruising grounds to be found anywhere in the world. Within easy reach of all the main harbours and marinas lie an abundance of lochs and islands with numerous idyllic anchorages to explore. Some of these are easy to find, others pose more of a navigational challenge and are accessed via intricate channels using a series of well-described transits, others lie beyond turbulent tidal sounds. All reward with stunning scenery and there is somewhere for everyone, whether on a first-time visit, or a return to familiar waters. This new edition, updated by Edward Mason, continues the long-respected legacy of CCC publications for cruising sailors. Information on harbours and marinas has been thoroughly revised, and plans have been updated throughout. Several new photographs have been included to help to identify key navigational features as well as to entice further exploration. Details on plans have been updated with reference to the Imray chart pack for the area (2800 Kintyre to Ardnamurchan). References to Bob Bradfield's useful Antares large scale charts are also included. Supplements are available to download from the club's website.

This comprehensive monograph is a second edition of one of the most popular Poyser monographs; it covers all aspects of this spectacular eagle's biology and ecology, including a full review of the literature and incorporating the considerable body of research on the species since the publication of the first edition in 1997. The late Jeff Watson was one of Scotland's foremost eagle experts, with more than 20 years of research on the birds; following Jeff's untimely death, the book is being completed by his colleagues Des Thompson and Helen Riley. Scottish studies provide the foundation for a treatment that also includes up-to-date information from work in North America, continental Europe and elsewhere. This global view allows fascinating insights into the species' relationships with a variety of different habitats and leads to many new and important conclusions regarding its ecology. This highly readable and authoritative account is destined to become the standard reference on the species, both in Scotland and elsewhere in the world. The text is enriched with many superb pictures of this majestic bird and additional wash landscapes capture the very special atmosphere of Scotland's Golden Eagle country. From the author of the beloved national bestseller *Migrations*, a pulse-pounding new novel set in the wild Scottish Highlands. Inti Flynn arrives in Scotland with her twin sister, Aggie, to lead a team of biologists tasked with reintroducing fourteen gray wolves into the remote Highlands. She hopes to heal not only the dying landscape, but Aggie, too, unmade by the terrible secrets that drove the sisters out of Alaska. Inti is not the woman she once was, either, changed by the harm she's witnessed—inflicted by humans on both the wild and each other. Yet as the wolves surprise everyone by thriving, Inti begins to let her guard down, even opening herself up to the possibility of love. But when a farmer is found dead, Inti knows where the town will lay blame. Unable to accept her wolves could be responsible, Inti makes a reckless decision to protect them. But if the wolves didn't make the kill, then who did? And what will Inti do when the man she is falling for seems to be the prime suspect? Propulsive and spell-binding, Charlotte McConaghy's *Once There Were Wolves* is the unforgettable story of a woman desperate to save the creatures she loves—if she isn't consumed by a wild that was once her refuge.

New Scientist magazine was launched in 1956 "for all those men and women who are interested in scientific discovery, and in its industrial, commercial and social consequences". The brand's mission is no different today - for its consumers, New Scientist reports, explores and interprets the results of human endeavour set in the context of society and culture.

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Scotland's west coast is an undisputed world-class sea kayaking destination. This book challenges the reader to kayak a 500km route, from the Isle of Gigha off the Kintyre peninsula, to the Summer Isles near Ullapool. It can be undertaken in four holiday-sized sections or as one long, glorious journey. The emphasis is on practical advice; how to tackle tricky tidal passages; places to visit; where to source essential information; food re- supply; where to safely leave kayaks overnight; how and when to shuttle vehicles; and the accessibility of public transport. Although camping is an essential element of this journey the book does not identify wild camp sites or even picnic places. It gives sea kayakers enough information to seek out their own adventures and so spread the environmental impact. The history of this country is inextricably linked to the west coast, from the Scoti to the Norsemen, the Lords of the Isles to the Clearances. An historical thread, woven through the text, tells 'Scotland's Story'. There are useful photographs and notes to help identify wildlife without disturbance, plus practical recommendations on wild camping, from minimum impact techniques to Scottish access law. For those who travel the trail in the comfort of their armchairs, there's also the story of the author's own journey. Together you will travel under big skies on imposing seas in the company of seals, dolphins, eagles and gulls. The Scottish Sea Kayak Trail is waiting for you.

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

This new edition combines within two covers: * A dictionary of 2500 terms * Descriptions of 300 organizations * A biographical dictionary of 100 personalities * Explanations of 1200 acronyms and abbreviations * Key data for well over 200 countries * A concise bibliography listing more than 100 useful sources of further information The author's long and wide experience of these fields makes this an indispensable companion for students and teachers, and those employed in relevant businesses and organizations, as well as for the travellers, tourists and guests who are the raison d'être of it all.

"A 22-volume, highly illustrated, A-Z general encyclopedia for all ages, featuring sections on how to use World Book, other research aids, pronunciation key, a student guide to better writing, speaking, and research skills, and comprehensive index"--

In the latest Haunted Home Renovation mystery from New York Times bestselling author Juliet Blackwell, San Francisco contractor—and reluctant ghostbuster—Mel Turner gets hired for a job that's to die for. Lately, Mel has been worried about finding enough historic renovation work to pay the bills. But while Turner Construction is in need of a project, Mel's boyfriend, Graham, has his hands full managing the reconstruction of an ancient building shipped over from Scotland. With the job plagued by rumors that the stones are cursed, Graham brings in Mel to look for paranormal activity. And while the ghost of a charming Scottish clansman does seem to be hanging around the site, the real shock comes when they stumble upon a body. When the original construction crew starts running scared, Mel brings in her team to finish the job. Now all she has to do is nail down the killer, and put the spirits to rest, before anyone else winds up heading for the highlands...

"Mysterious selkies, bad-tempered giants, devious fairies, and even Loch Ness's most famous resident--these are the mythical beasts of Scottish folklore. In the ... companion volume to ... An Illustrated Treasury of Scottish Folk and Fairy Tales, ... Breslin brings together a ... collection of tales from across Scotland"--Amazon.com.

March 17, 2004, Dallas, Texas Signature Auction catalog for Heritage Vintage Movie Posters (Heritage Galleries & Auctioneers). Contains 468 lot descriptions and each lot is pictured.

A collection of moving and soulful portraits of beloved farm animals, alongside surprising facts, entertaining anecdotes, and captivating histories of these heritage breeds on American farms.

"The beauty and breadth of heritage animal breeds is on full display in this delightful and gorgeous book."—Isabella Rossellini, actress and author of *My Chickens* and *I Animal Lovers*, homesteaders, eco-conscious consumers, and fans of beautiful photography alike will cherish the charm of *On the Farm's* stunning portraits and stories. With over 150 photographs, renowned animal photographer Aliza Eliazarov invites us to take a closer look at the animal breeds taking center stage in the regenerative farming movement. Along with fun facts about the domesticated animals who have shaped and changed our world—goats, sheep, cows, horses, donkeys, llamas, alpacas, pigs, chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, and farm dogs—*On the Farm* features sometimes quirky, sometimes harrowing personal tales of amazing animals. Meet Bilbo, the donkey in love with truck tires; Kurt, the diminutive Angora goat with a miraculous birth story; and Princess Peppermint, an anxious pig with a taste for cocktails. The focus on rare and heritage breeds will enlighten and inform you about the astonishing variety of livestock and poultry, as well as the impact that the loss of this biodiversity is having on global food security. Equal parts fine art and field guide, shot entirely on location at small farms and homesteads, *On the Farm* delivers us to the pastoral with an enjoyable meditation on the animals that civilization has grown alongside.

When Harry Houdini is framed and jailed for espionage, Sherlock Holmes vows to clear his name, with the two joining forces to take on blackmailers who have targeted the Prince of Wales. It's a case that requires all of their skills — both mental and physical. Can the daring duo solve what people are calling "The Crime of the Century"? Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's timeless creation returns in a new series of handsomely designed detective stories. From the earliest days of Holmes' career to his astonishing encounters with Martian invaders, the *Further Adventures* series encapsulates the most varied and thrilling cases of the world's greatest detective.

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