

Some Selected Readings to help prepare us for our Scotland Trip

No one requires us to read several books before we go to Scotland to find the roots of what became the Presbyterian Church. But many of us will want to brush up on our knowledge of the Scots before we go to this wonderful place so that we understand and interact with our guides and our minister friend Carol Byrd in the best ways. Here is a list of some of the books I've collected over the last 20 years and read that prepared me for four prior trips to Scotland. I hope you may find one or two of them interesting for your own reading as I'm sure a bit of this colorful history and spirituality will make this trip more exciting and enlightening for you.

Scotland History and Travel

Scotland: The autobiography by Rosemary Goring
"Two thousand years of History by Those who Saw It Happen"
The Overlook Press, New York NY
2007, 434 pages \$18.95

How the Scots Invented the Modern World by Arthur Herman (similar to Thomas Cahill's writing)
The True Story of How Western Europe's Poorest Nation Created Our World & Everything In It
Three Rivers Press, New York NY
2001, 429 Pages, \$16.00

History of Scotland: From the Earliest of Times to the Present Day by R. A. Houston & W. W. J. Knox
Penguin Books, London, England
2001, 531 Pages \$25.00

Scotland: A Concise History by Fitzroy Maclean **IF YOU ONLY HAVE TIME FOR ONE!**
Thames & Hudson Publishers, New York NY
2012 (do look for the latest edition as this book is continuously updated)
241 pages \$19.95

Scotland: The Story of a Nation by Magnus Magnusson
Grove Press Books, New York NY
2000, 700 pages \$22.50

John Knox for Armchair Theologians by Suzanne McDonald
WJK Press, Louisville KY
2013, 143 pages, \$20.00

Before Scotland: The Story of Scotland Before History by Alistair Moffat
Thames & Hudson, Publishers, New York NY
2005, 337 pages, \$34.95

National Geographic Adventure Travel Map
\$14.95 plastic coated for much use while traveling!

Scotland by Rick Steves
Avalon Travel, Seattle WA
2024, 569 pages, \$24.99

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Scotland
2016, 223 pages, \$25.00 There are newer updated editions.

This is my favorite travel guide and map.

Scotland: From Prehistory to the Present by Fiona Watson **IF YOU ONLY HAVE TIME FOR TWO!**
Black Rock Cottage Publishers, Glencoe, Scotland
2001, 273 pages, \$28.00 This lady is a University Professor, history researcher, and has written and recorded the entire history of Scotland series for BBC TV like Louis Gates does here in the US for PBS. She's fabulous if you can find her on YouTube or the internet!

Celtic Spirituality

Thin Places: An Evangelical Journey Into Celtic Christianity by Tracy Balzer
Leafwood Publishers, Abilene, TX
2007, 163 pages, \$8.72

Celtic Christianity: A Sacred Tradition, A Vision of Hope by Timothy Joyce
Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY
1998, 174 pages, \$18.00

Listening For The Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality by J. Philip Newell
Paulist Press, London, England
1997, 107 Pages, \$9.95

One Foot in Eden: A Celtic View of the Stages of Life by J. Philip Newell
Paulist Press, London, England
1999, 93 pages, \$8.95

A New Harmony: The Spirit, The Earth, and The Human Soul by John Philip Newell
Josey-Bass Publishers, San Francisco CA
2011, 189 pages \$19.95

Christianity and the Celts by Ted Olsen
InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL
2003, 187 pages, \$14.00

So Close I Can Feel God's Breath: Experiencing His Presence in Thin Places by Dr. Beverly Rose **MY FAVORITE!**
Salt River, Tyndale House Publishers, New York NY
2006, 152 pages, \$13.99

Sacred Spaces: Stations on a Celtic Way by Margaret Silf
Paraclete Press, Brewster, MA
2001, 191 pages, \$23.00