The Castles of Scotland

A Comprehensive Guide to 4,100 Castles, Towers, Historic Houses, Stately Homes and Family Lands

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Fifth edition

Deluxe edition (printed paper case plus 64 pages of colour photos)

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Extent: 752 text pages

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Illustrations: 425 b&w drawings + 290 b&w photos

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Maps: 12 pages of maps accompanied by lists of sites

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This acclaimed and popular book is the definitive and most comprehensive work available, the ‘Bible of Scottish Castles’. Now greatly expanded and completely revised and updated, there are some 4,100 entries, 1,000 more than the previous edition.

Not only covering all the castles, towers and fortified houses of Scotland, also included are hundreds of mansions, historic houses, stately homes, and many other properties and lands.

Arranged alphabetically, each entry has the NGR, location and postcode, then description, architecture and development, both inside and out, depictions on old maps, family and notable owners, history and sieges, ghosts and gruesome or amusing tales. Plus opening, websites and telephone numbers. Twelve pages of maps locate all the castles.

The text is complemented by more than 700 b&w drawings and photos.

There are comprehensive indexes, one by castle name and cross-references (some 10,000 entries) as well as an invaluable index by clan or family name, plus others for open to the public, accommodation, weddings, gardens, and ghosts.

There is also an introduction to the castle in Scotland, illustrated gazetteer of terms, titles and offices of state, place name elements, and selected further reading. Printed in Scotland.

AN INDISPENSABLE REFERENCE AND ENGROSSING READ FOR ALL CASTLE ENTHUSIASTS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN SCOTTISH HISTORY

What’s New

* • 4,100 entries (which actually cover far more sites than this), 1,000 more than the previous edition

• Existing entries all reviewed, most expanded

• Opening, websites and contact comprehensively updated

• Deluxe edition has 64 pages of colour photos (112)

• Redesigned entries, which now include post codes (use with caution)

• Increased number of and many new illustrations

• Maps have been redrawn with grid boxes and new codes added for locating castles in the text

• Index added for all the sites in the text and cross-references (10,000 entries)

• New indexes to find: open to the public; accommodation providers; wedding venues; gardens; and more

• Index by clan and family names greatly expanded and revised

• New section on titles and offices of state

Previous editions

The first edition of this book was published in 1995, and covered around 1,700 castles and other sites. The book was very well received and sold out quite quickly. Only a paperback was produced. This was the first title published by Goblinshead.

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The second edition, covering about 2,000 places, followed in 1997, also by Goblinshead. This also did very well (despite a notorious problem with the missing J Section), and also sold. Again the book was only issued in paperback.

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The third edition took longer to produce, having expanded to some 2,700 entries, and was published in 2001. Both a paperback edition and a deluxe hardback edition were published by Goblinshead, the hardback also with a colour section. This third edition was the most successful yet.

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The fourth edition was published by Birlinn, and ran to some 3,000+ sites, and was published as hardback with a dust jacket in 2006. There was no paperback edition, despite one being promised.

The move to Birlinn was bitterly regretted by the author.

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The fifth edition happily returned to Goblinshead, and both deluxe hardback with 64 pages of colour and a paperback edition are due in November 2015.

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