

# Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Islands July 13-23, 2018

## Suggested Reading Guide

Here is a selection of favorite books and resources relevant to your journey. These books should be available at local public or university libraries, and most of them may be purchased (new or used) and/or downloaded for e-readers through local and online bookstores.

#### BOOKS



Edwards, Paul, and Hermann Palssom. *Orkneyinga Saga, The History of the Earls of Orkney*. Penguin, 1981. A fusion of myth and legend, circa A.D. 1200, by an unnamed Icelandic author. The medieval chronicle has its center of action among the Orkney Islands, describing their conquest by Norwegian kings during the Viking expansion of the ninth century.



Herman, Arthur. *How the Scots Invented the Modern World*. Crown, 2002. Although the title sounds whimsical, this is a serious treatment of the cultural, philosophical and material gifts of the small and frequently troubled nation of Scotland.



Repcheck, Jack. *The Man Who Found Time*. Hachette, 2009. Repcheck brings Scottish geologist James Hutton (1726-1797) to the fore in this tale of the man and of Scottish Enlightenment. Hutton's ideas about the age of the Earth and embrace of gradualism was taken up by Charles Lyle in his ground-breaking *Principles of Geology*.



Scott, Walter, Sir. *The Pirate*. Aa Balkema, 2001. Set on the southern tip of the main island of the Shetland Islands, this swashbuckling romance is based loosely on the adventures of infamous pirate John Gow. Originally published in 1822.

#### **TELEVISION SERIES**

Aird, Christopher, Elaine Collins, Eric Coulter (Executive Producers), et al. Shetland. BBC Scotland, 2013 – present. This TV series is based on the mystery series written by Ann Cleeves and based in Shetland. This website features an interview with Cleeves: https://www.kcet.org/shows/shetland/interview-shetland-author-ann-cleeves

#### WEBSITES

- Orkney Islands' Visitors' Guides: <u>http://www.visitorkney.com/digital-guides</u>
- Heritage of the Orkney Islands: <u>http://www.orkneyjar.com/</u>
- Visit Scotland's Orkney Page: <u>http://www.visitorkney.com/</u>
- **Orkney.com**: <u>http://www.orkney.com/culture</u>
- Shetland: <u>http://www.shetland.org/</u>
- Shetland Amenity Trust Homepage: <u>http://www.shetlandamenity.org/</u>
- Shetland Amenity Trust's DOWNLOADABLE INTERPRETIVE LEAFLETS (about the islands' geography and cultural and natural heritage): <u>http://www.shetland-heritage.co.uk/download-leaflets</u>

### **ONLINE VIDEOS**

- **Fethaland Fishing Station** (2m 23s): <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4vYo7emDVM</u>
- **Jarlshof** (4m 5s): <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0p41wbmwqVM</u>
- Maes Howe (2m 55s): <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_DX-OBFdUTE</u>