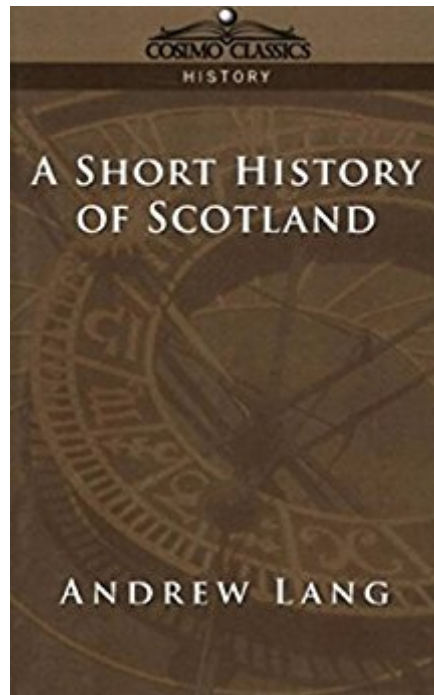




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Customer Reviews

Andrew Lang (1844-1912) was a prolific writer and poet who wrote an extensive four-volume history of Scotland in 1900-1907. In 1911 he wrote this "short" history. In distilling his work, he created a fast-paced but hard to follow history. I found the first 25% to be confounding - a litany of murders, treacheries and religious squabbles that are extremely hard to follow. The rest of the book smoothed out as more detail was supplied. Still, however, it was to me too much of an outline than a history. I did learn quite a bit, regardless. I may have learned more had I a more thorough knowledge of Scottish history and geography. Lang refers to people, events and geography of which he assumes the reader is familiar. I don't regret the time spent reading this not-too-short "short" history, since it has aroused my curiosity and gave me some avenues for further study. An unexpected revelation came from Lang's discourse on the religious conflicts of the period. Today we find ourselves perplexed by the fanaticism of Islamic extremists, who cannot hold a candle to those Scottish radicals. We would probably not be here today if the likes of Knox had had nuclear weapons! This book is worth reading, but only for one who does not mind tedious dredging for interesting tidbits. For others, this would be mightily boring. Had I not been in a reflective mood when I started "A Short History of Scotland" I could easily have given it only one star.

While the information in the book is interesting, be aware that it was written in 1911 and the language and structure of the book are very much of that time. I found it very difficult to read. As other reviews have said, an assumption is made that the reader already knows a good deal about Scottish history. I found myself reading with my iPad at my side so I could look up references made, but not explained, by the author.

Anyone interested in explaining how a region came to what it is, should read this book. The fact that it is short, and contains the basics of the clans I can now state I understand the kilts, and the passions for the Scots and their underlying distrust of the English, who they do not resemble, and speak more of a dialect than most Americans speak their brand of English.

I wanted to learn a little about Scotland before our vacation. I am not a history fan and am still enjoying this book. I plan on having my kids read it before the trip, also.

Lots of information and verifiable history in this one. For Americans, some explanations, too!

It has proven to be very interesting. I've currently been reading a lot of Scottish Highland romance books and that has prompted an interest in just what Scotland was like centuries ago. This book has answered a number of questions I had and it has been very interesting reading. I would recommend it to anyone who may have questions but is not in to reading a long, sometimes boring, history book.

I like English and Scottish History and this little book fit's nicely on my computer for reading in airports and Lobbies. I din't read it everyday and I haven't read it through, bu, I like it in my back pocket to read it when I wish.

I wanted the 'short' version before traveling to Scotland. Mr Lang's book gave me a good start and helped us raise more questions about locations where we visited.

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