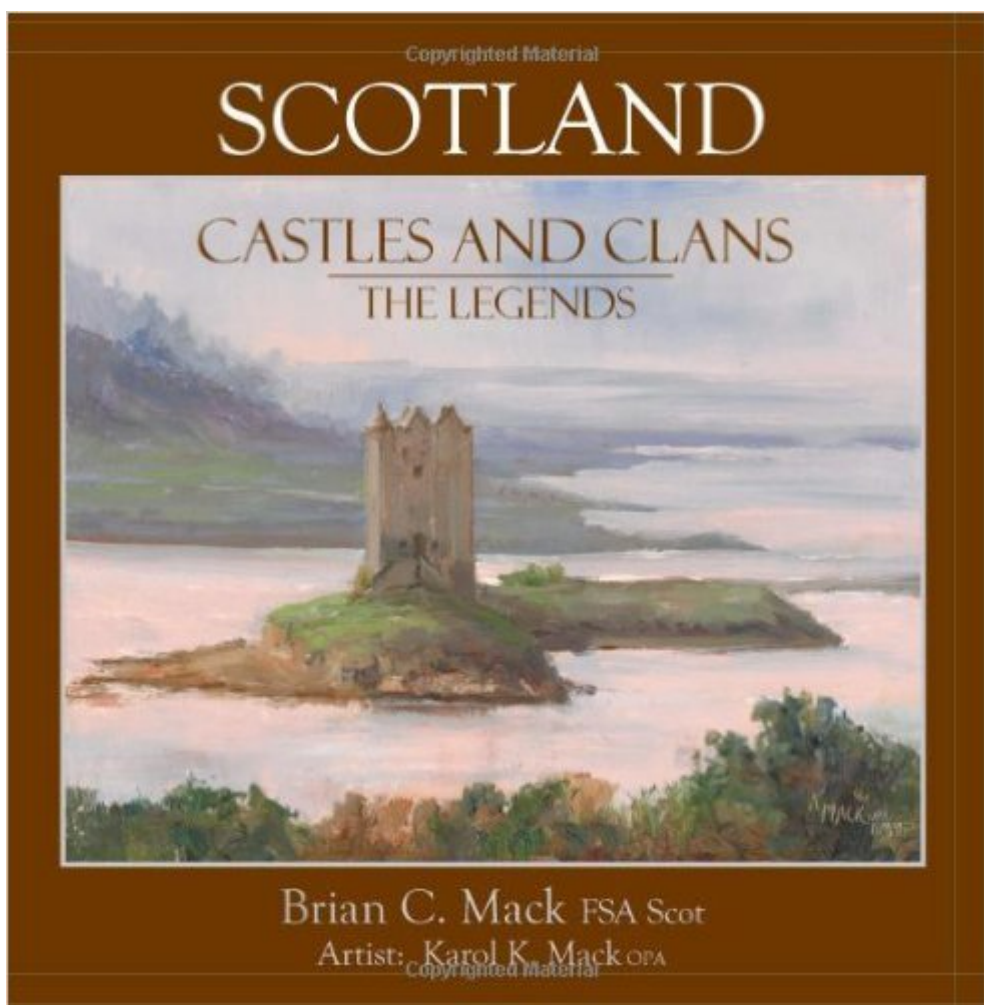


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# Scotland: Castles And Clans: The Legends



## Synopsis

Discover Scotland's forgotten legends. Historian Brian C. Mack explores the panorama of Scottish history in rich detail with accounts of battles, castles and heroic figures, while artist Karol Mack brings the famous sites to life with beautiful paintings. Its superb storytelling and visual appeal make this book a feast for all those who have ever been touched by the romance and beauty of Scotland. Brian is of Scottish descent, a member of Clan Home. He has traveled extensively throughout Scotland; studying Scottish history at the Kings College in Aberdeen, Scotland before graduating from the University of New Mexico, U.S.A. Brian resides in Estes Park, CO. Karol Mack's work is part of national and international collections. She has traveled and painted throughout Scotland exploring her ancestry as member of Clan Lamont. Her artistic honors include numerous awards, signature memberships, and one person exhibitions. She lives outside of Santa Fe, NM.

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Imagine sitting in a Scottish pub before a roaring fire, listening to an old bearded fellow smoking a pipe spin a tale about the castle on the hill. If you are unable to travel to Scotland to listen to the stories or explore the castles, simply open Brian Mack's "Scotland Castles and Clans: the Legends." This striking book will transport you there through the magic of Brian's words and Karol Mack's vibrant color paintings. For more than a decade, Brian toured castles in the Scottish Highlands and Lowlands and gathered tales and legends and stories. He distilled his research and selected 36 castles to feature in his book, 18 in the Highlands and 18 in the Lowlands. A map at the beginning of each section shows each castle's location. Karol Mack's wonderful paintings draw the eye, beginning with Castle Stalker on the cover. Black and white photos complement the paintings and

give the reader a flavor of the landscape surrounding each castle. A sidebar accompanies each castle description and lists a timeline of important events. Also, Brian explains which clan occupied the castle and gives a brief history. This is fact. First and foremost, Brian is a historian. But he is also a wonderful writer. What makes this collection unique are the stories that surround each castle. Relying on each castle's legends and tales, Brian tells stories that transport the reader to another place and another time. For instance, enjoy the Legend of Glamis Castle, a tale about Thomas Bowes-Lyon. His tombstone states that he lived and died the same day. Father Jacob met Thomas ten years after his "death" in a prison cell hidden in the depths of the castle away from human eyes and...well, you get the idea.

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