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The Road To Independence? Scotland Since The Sixties (Contemporary Worlds)



Synopsis

Is the 'United' Kingdom really as united as its name might suggest? For many people in the UK, increasing nationalism in Scotland raises serious questions about what Britain is, and where its future lies. In *The Road to Independence?*, Murray Pittock not only gives an account of modern Scottish nationalism, but also explains what Scotland's role in Britain has been historically, and why it has changed radically in the last fifty years, with the debate about independence coming to the fore. The author relates the economic, social and cultural history of Scotland, the rise of modern Scottish nationalism and the reasons for it, the recent history and differing character of Scotland's cities and cultural industries, the impact of multiculturalism on Scottish as distinct from British society, and the changes wrought by devolution, including the reasons for the election of Scotland's first-ever nationalist government in 2007. *The Road to Independence?* is the only history of Scotland available with a truly contemporary focus. In dealing with everything from modern painting to political structures it is remarkably comprehensive; in explaining the rise of modern nationalism it is of fundamental importance to policymakers and the wider public. It will be of interest to students of politics, history, law and social science, and to all who want to understand the rapidly changing face of Britain.

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Readers; For readers in any nation, but esp. the USA this is a good look at the relationship betwixt Scotland & England. Most US readers (aside from 'falling over' the Royal House members) know nothing about the UK/English/Scots relation; which is quite sad when these Nations make up the large part of the US population. The book stays away from extremes, & trys to give a balanced view of the whole picture. This is esp. useful in light of the Scots Independence Vote in 2014--which most Americans would consider 'stupid'- we told the UK to 'sod off' (their words)-and are happy for it. In this light, the parallels betwixt the two events, US Independence and proposed Scots Independence; are quite similiar. So for a good background read on the compleat 'mess' that is the present day "UK" (there is even a party in England that seeks an "English Parliment" and not a Scots/Welch/Cornish/English one!) try this book. As an aside- It is to be hoped that the Author will prepare a 'follow up' text after the August 2014 Vote.

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