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Luke Waterson : Moon Scotland (Moon Handbooks) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moon Scotland (Moon Handbooks):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Inspiring guide - a friend at hand!By blue jayA Scottish friend recommended this book to me and I couldn't have wished for a better guide. This is really one of the best travel books I've used. My wife and I got a copy some months before our trip and we were so inspired by it that we took a longer holiday to fit everything in!We ended up travelling all over Scotland, even getting a ferry to the Orkney Islands to visit a whiskey distillery and Europe's oldest prehistoric village! The knowledge and enthusiasm of the author really tell and we were never disappointed, only wishing that we had had even more time to see everything that was recommended.The accommodation suggestions were well chosen and we had a magical experience at every place we

stayed, from a quiet loch-side cottage to a grand 16th century castle. We were never lost for places to eat and drink, glad that we had the book at hand to show us the way. The book is full of beautiful photos and historical detail, and you really feel that the author has gone that extra mile to offer the best guide possible. Highly recommended! 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Lots of errors throughout. By ockeghem I haven't yet taken my trip to Scotland, so I can't yet vouch for the quality of the accommodations or recommendations made by this book. But without Google, it would be nearly impossible to plan a trip using this book. It is riddled with errors throughout. I've looked up around 50 hotels for my trip, and maybe two of the internet addresses given were correct. For a hotel in Inveraray, the book tells you to go to georgehotel.co.uk. When you get there, the site's for a hotel in Norwich. Turns out it should have been "thegeorgehotel.co.uk." There are hyphens in addresses where there shouldn't be, and no hyphens when there should be, not to mention misspellings. Also, the prices the book gives for accommodation are wildly low; it appears the author has used the low season price throughout the book. Unfortunately, though, most travelers are not taking holidays in low season, so the price expectations set by the author are unrealistic in almost all cases (I can't vouch for the hostel prices, but the BB and hotel prices are always at least GBP 20 too low). The author, editors proofreaders didn't even have to leave their desks to check the web addresses and prices, yet didn't, which is worrisome. I like the writing style of this book, and from a previous trip to Scotland over a decade ago the recommendations seem solid. It's also a fairly comprehensive book, covering just about everything I might ever want to see in Scotland (and I like out-of-the-way places). But I cannot wholeheartedly recommend this book when it appears to have been so spottily fact-checked. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Get the Lonely Planet instead. By Victoria Kostina I used this book for my recent trip to Scotland, and I should have known better - while it seems to pack a lot of information, the information is not easy to find. It is difficult to get ideas of what to see using this book. It talks about places without any reference to a map, so if you are not already familiar with the area, the text isn't handy for planning your itinerary. Oftentimes we would find ourselves in a situation when after a day of sightseeing, we would open the book and be surprised: "Hey, it actually talks about this castle we visited today. How come we didn't see this info before." Oh, and it underestimates all the prices. Get the Lonely Planet instead - it is so much better!

Journalist Luke Waterson spent his summers in Scotland as a child and offers an insider's perspective on the region, from pub-crawling in Glasgow to climbing Ben Nevis, Scotland's highest peak. Waterson provides ideas for great trips, such as a Weeklong Highland Fling and a Coves, Caves, and Beaches tour. Including expert advice on sampling whisky in Speyside distilleries, exploring ancient stone circles, and golfing at the world-renowned courses of St. Andrews, Moon Scotland gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.