



## CAITHNESS CATALOGUE AUGUST 2022

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**Caithness Illustrated Guide.** Wick: Caithness County Council, Circa 1967. Guide with nice selection of photographs and adverts. Very clean with lightly turned corners. Good +. Softcover. (5826) £2.00

**Caithness in Pictures. The historic northernmost County where Scotland ends at John O'Groats.** Specially published for Arthur Bruce, D M Mackenzie, and Malcolm and Tait. Set of 24 photographs with description but no attribution. Covers a bit grubby and some rusting around the staples. Looks to be early 1900's. Fair. Softcover staple-bound. (5821) £4.00

**Royal Burgh of Wick Official Guide Book.** Wick: Wick Town Council, ?1960's. Covers a little faded and dog-eared. Contents very clean. With town map, lots of photographs and adverts. Good. Softcover staple bound. (5752) £1.00

**Sutherland and Caithness;** The Cotman Color Book Series. Norwich: Jarrold & Sons Ltd, 1970. Nice colour booklet guide with the odd margin annotation. Good +. Softcover staple bound. (5802) £1.00

A S Cowper & I Ross. **Caithness Monumental Inscriptions pre 1855 Volume 4.** Scottish Genealogy Society, 1992. 1st Edition. ISBN: 0901061506. Slight marking to covers. Very good +. Softcover. (6707) £10.00

Alastair R Walker. **Stroma Yoles. Their Structure and Development.** Kirkwall: The Orcadian, 2004. 1st Edition. ISBN: 1902957229. Near fine. Softcover. (6379) £8.00

Anne L Houston. **Lest we forget. The Parish of Canisbay.** Inverness: Congregational Board of Canisbay Parish Church, 1996. 1st Edition. ISBN: 0952916703. Scarce collection of writings from local people around John O'Groats. Near fine. Hardcover. (3651) £15.00

Anne L Houston. **Lest we forget. The Parish of Canisbay.** Inverness: Congregational Board of Canisbay Parish Church, 1996. 1st Edition. ISBN: 0952916703. Scarce collection of writings from local people around John O'Groats. Very clean copy signed by the editor at the title page. Old ownership details at title page and slight rippling to paper. Bottom corner of back board bumped. Very good. Hardcover. (5357) £15.00

Anne L Houston. **Lest we forget. The Parish of Canisbay.** Inverness: Congregational Board of Canisbay Parish Church, 1996. 1st Edition. ISBN: 0952916703. Scarce collection of writings from local people around John O'Groats. Very clean copy. Binding with faded spine. Near fine. Hardcover. (5701) £12.00

Barbara E Crawford. **The Northern Earldoms. Orkney and Caithness from AD 870 to 1470.** Edinburgh: John Donald, 2013. 1st Edition. ISBN: 9781904607915. Very clean copy with no

obvious signs that it has ever been read. Wrap with a couple of edge crinkles. Fine in near fine dust-jacket. Hardcover. (6152) £40.00

Donald Omand (editor). **The Caithness Book**. Inverness: Highland Printers Ltd, 1973. 1st reprint. Very clean copy. Binding slightly faded to spine. Contents with some light foxing at edges. Wrap with some top edge nibbling. Very good + in good + dust-jacket. Hardcover. (4681) £8.00

Donald Young (editor). **Stroma**. Wick: North of Scotland Newspapers, 1992. 1st Edition. ISBN: 1871704073. Extremely scarce collection of articles on Stroma off Caithness. Covers with turned corners but contents clean. Good +. Softcover. (5350) £14.00

E R Bullard et al. **The Wild Flowers of Caithness**. Wick: Caithness Field Club, 1977. 1st Edition. Very good. Softcover. (2740) £2.00

Geoffrey /stell and Donald Omand. **The Caithness Croft**. Laidhay Preservation Trust, 1976. Good. Softcover staple-bound. (5835) £1.00

George Watson. **John Gow The Orkney Pirate**. Wick: Caithness Field Club, 1976. Illustrations by Lyndall Leet. An attempt to pull together a brief picture of John Gow from the multitude of sources available. Good +. Softcover - staple bound. (5658) £0.10

George Watson. **John Gow The Orkney Pirate**. Wick: Caithness Field Club, 1976. Illustrations by Lyndall Leet. An attempt to pull together a brief picture of John Gow from the multitude of sources available. Cover with fading around the spine. Good. Softcover - staple bound. (6218) £0.20

Herbert Sinclair. **Over the Ord**. London: Herbert Sinclair, 1949. 1st Edition. Scarce publication packed with photographs of scenes and local people taken around Caithness. Very worn and wobbly - with loose sections and warped boards. Poor. Hardcover. (6429) £10.00

J A Harvie Brown and T E Buckley. **A Vertebrate Fauna of Sutherland, Caithness, and West Cromarty**. Edinburgh: David Douglas, 1887. 1st Edition. A scarce work. In original cloth binding with dark red endpapers. Top page edges gilded. Complete with decorative title page, 2 folding panoramic views, 1 folding coloured map, and 10 illustrations - 2 colour printed. The binding has a faded spine, which is pulled at the top and bottom. The corners are generally worn and turned. Boards lightly scuffed and with the odd mark. Contents clean. Side and bottom page edges are rough and quite spotty. There is general marking and browning around the illustrations, particularly the coloured ones. The original page marker is present - and there is a brown mark where it has rested. Good. Hardcover. (4128) £50.00

J A Williamson. **The Life of Robert Dick**. Thurso: Caithness Books, 1967. 1st Edition. Complete and readable but with a lot of staining - mainly around the covers. Old ownership signature on front cover. Fair. Softcover staple bound. (6851) £3.00

J B Craven. **History of the Episcopal Church in Orkney 1688-1882. With some notes on the Church in Caithness and Shetland during that period; and an introductory sketch of the earlier Ecclesiastical History of Orkney**. Kirkwall: William Peace and son, 1883. 1st Edition. Clean copy in the original binding which is a little worn and shaken. Gilt titles to spine. Wear to spine ends, spine joints, edges and corners. Slight rippling to cloth on both boards. Original green patterned endpapers. Contents complete - some stitching a little wobbly. Fair. Hardcover. (4585) £55.00

J B Craven. **History of the Episcopal Church in Orkney 1688-1882. With some notes on the Church in Caithness and Shetland during that period; and an introductory sketch of the earlier Ecclesiastical History of Orkney**. Kirkwall: William Peace and son, 1883. 1st Edition. Clean copy in the original binding which is a little worn and shaken. Gilt titles to spine. Wear to spine ends, spine joints, edges and corners. Slight rippling to cloth on both boards. Original green

patterned endpapers. Contents complete - some stitching a little wobbly. Fair. Hardcover. (5557) £55.00

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J B Craven. **History of the Episcopal Church in Orkney 1688-1882. With some notes on the Church in Caithness and Shetland during that period; and an introductory sketch of the earlier Ecclesiastical History of Orkney.** Kirkwall: William Peace and son, 1883. 1st Edition. In the original cloth binding and with contemporary green patterned endpapers. Binding is a bit wobbly with some fading to spine and wear to spine joints and ends, and corners. Bottom corners are bumped. Contents are clean and complete but with foxing throughout. Some stitching looks wobbly. Fair. Hardcover. (6003) £45.00

J L Davidson & A S Henshall. **The Chambered Cairns of Caithness.** Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1991. 1st Edition. ISBN: 0748602569. Near fine in very good + dust-jacket. Hardcover. (3450) £25.00

J L Davidson & A S Henshall. **The Chambered Cairns of Caithness.** Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1991. 1st Edition. ISBN: 0748602569. Lovely clean copy. Bump to the side of the top spine end and pulling to both ends, but otherwise in very good sound condition. Ownership details at front endpaper. Wrap has some tape reinforcement at the spine ends - the top tape covering a small tear. Very good + in very good + dust-jacket. Hardcover. (5700) £24.00

J T Calder. **History of Caithness.** Wick: Caithness Reprints, 1971. Facsimile. Facsimile of the 1887 2nd edition published by William Rae. Covers a bit grubby and turned but contents clean. Lacking map but with folding table. Fair. Softcover. (6414) £6.00

Jim A Johnston. **A Future for Peat.** Thurso: Caithness Books, 1981. 1st in book form. Near fine. Softcover. (1541) £2.00

John Geddes. **Caithness Dialect. A selection of old Caithness words and expressions.** Stroud: John Geddes. Staple-bound booklet - a bit yellowed but clean. Fair. No binding. (6274) £1.00

John R Baldwin. **Caithness. A Cultural Crossroads.** Edinburgh: Scottish Society for Northern Studies, 1982. 1st Edition. ISBN: 0950599417. Covers slightly turned and grubby. Contents clean. Good. Softcover. (6579) £20.00

Morris Pottinger. **Parish Life on the Pentland Firth.** Thurso: Whitemaa Books, 1997. 1st Edition. Book bright and clean with some bumping to corners. Wrap complete with some edge crinkling and grubbiness at the top edge. Very good in good + dust-jacket. Hardcover. (5675) £6.00

Paul Theroux. **The Kingdom by the Sea.** London: Hamish Hamilton, 1983. 1st Edition. ISBN: 0 241 11086 6. Account of Theroux's journey round the coast of Britain including accounts of Cape Wrath and Caithness. Nice clean copy. Light toning to paper. Very good + in very good + dust-jacket. Hardcover. (1899) £8.00

Rev Angus Mackay, Rev D Beaton (editor), Lord Reay (Forward). **The History of the Province of Cat (Caithness and Sutherland) from the earliest times to the year 1615.** Wick: Peter Reid & Coy Ltd, 1914. 1st Edition. Scarce publication in original cloth binding with frontispiece portrait and all contents complete and clean. Binding with general scuffing to the edges, spine ends, spine joints and corners. Light warp to both boards and corners turned. Binding clean and sound. Top

page edges gilt. Contents in very good condition - occasional light toning to top page edges. Bookplate of John Davie Manson Robertson to the front pastedown endpaper and old signature to front free endpaper. Good +. Hardcover. (4130) £180.00

Samuel Laing, Thomas H Huxley. **Pre-historic Remains of Caithness with notes on the human remains**. London: Williams and Norgate, 1866. 1st Edition. In original green cloth binding with gilt titles to spine and blind stamped decoration to boards. The binding has a lot of wear at the spine joints, spine ends, corners and edges. 3 of the corners are bumped. The contents are very clean and sound with the occasional light pencil annotation. Good. Hardcover. (5710) £30.00

Tim Blackie and Colin Macaulay. **The Sculptured Stones of Caithness**. Angus: The Pinkfoot Press, 1998. 1st Edition. ISBN: 1874012202. Short 24 page booklet - profusely illustrated. Scarce. Very good +. Softcover staple bound. (6476) £8.00

William Mowat, A H Salter. **Poetry of the Caithness Shepherd. A Collection of Poems by William Mowat (1895-1938)**. Caithness: Whittles Publishing, 1989. 1st Edition. ISBN: 1 870325 206. Fair. Softcover. (1542) £1.00