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So You're Going To Wear The Kilt!: All You Need To Know About Highland Dress And How To Find Your Tartan



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this book has been great for me and my husband. we desided to buy him a proper kilt and not just a

costume and was not aware of all that we needed. it has been a wealth of information. i love that it goes into some history also. I love that the author is straight forward with you about his experience and expertise.

This is pretty much the standard for wearing a Highland outfit correctly, so I got it for my grandson who is getting his first kilt. I get so tired of seeing ball caps, straw hats, work boots and so forth worn with a kilt. Everyone should have a copy of this book.

I bought and read this shortly after buying my first kilt. It was clear, interesting, useful and kept me from making a complete fool of myself (most of the time) in traditional settings. I haven't referred to it since; all of the information can be found on line, though this would help you sift out the worse advice, and custom is a bit looser in most settings in this area in the US, in my limited experience. Still, I think anyone who enjoys the fruit of such a revered and ritualized attire owes it to themselves and to the tradition to learn that tradition and how it evolved. There are those who do take this very seriously and are apt to take extreme offense to it being abused. I also recommend the site "X marks the Scot" to anyone who has or is considering a kilt.

This is a much smaller book than my original which met it's demise in a rainstorm. But since it's the only publication of this available now, I'll make it work!

Great primer for first time - or even long time - kilted men. Answers all of the questions about how to wear the kilt properly, to include all accesories. Written by a purist with a very wry sense of humor.

It isn't the most exciting read, but the amount of information contained in such a small book is fantastic. I'm glad I read it before outfitting my husband in his first kilt. It is good to know whether he would doing something that would be laughed at by someone in-the-know.

I am an American who attended college at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. The wearing of a kilt is a fine thing if done properly. Done improperly, though... I shudder. This book explains the ground rules, how's and why's of how do wear the kilt correctly. I highly recommend it for anyone who has an interest in the topic.

Good advice. Humerously written. Pictures to supplement the discussed material. You always see

those fellows at a gathering or games who really don't have a clue. They need this book. Good bits for those who have been in the Kilt for a while too. Yours Aye, K. Coghill

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