

## Scottish Witch-Hunts Reading List

This list is not intended to be exhaustive but provides references to some of the most important works on Scottish witchcraft held in the National Library of Scotland. There is also a section giving examples of Scottish novels, stories, plays and poetry featuring witches. If you would like to explore further, try searching our [discovery service](#) with the words 'witch Scotland' or similar.

### General Historical Works

- 'The Scottish witch-hunt in context' edited by Julian Goodare (Manchester University Press) NLS reference: [HP2.202.07645](#)
- 'The survey of Scottish witchcraft' by Julian Goodare ... [et al.] (School of History and Classics, University of Edinburgh). Accessible online at: <http://www.shc.ed.ac.uk/Research/witches/>
- 'Witchcraft and belief in early modern Scotland' edited by Julian Goodare, Lauren Martin and Joyce Miller (Palgrave Macmillan) NLS reference: [HB2.208.2.1117](#)
- 'Enemies of God : the witch-hunt in Scotland' by Christina Lerner (John Donald) NLS reference: [HP2.201.01744](#)
- 'A Source-Book of Scottish witchcraft' compiled by Christina Lerner, Christopher Hyde Lee and Hugh V. McLachlan (University of Glasgow) NLS reference: [Hist.S.60.W.L2](#)
- 'Witch-hunting in Scotland : law, politics and religion' by Brian P. Levack (Routledge) NLS reference: [HB2.208.12.1197](#)
- 'The devil and the domestic : witchcraft, women's work and marriage in early modern Scotland' by Lauren Martin (UMI) NLS reference: Available on [microform](#).
- 'Magic and witchcraft in Scotland' by Joyce Miller (Goblinshead) NLS reference: [HP1.205.2694](#)
- 'An abundance of witches : the great Scottish witch-hunt' by P.G. Maxwell-Stuart (Tempus) NLS reference: [ILS:\[B 11.8.05 : 29-6\]](#)
- 'The great Scottish witch-hunt' by P.G. Maxwell-Stuart (Tempus) NLS reference: [PB5.209.282/12](#)
- 'Satan's conspiracy : magic and witchcraft in sixteenth-century Scotland' by P.G. Maxwell-Stuart (Tuckwell Press) NLS reference: [HP2.201.06167](#)

### Intellectual Thought

- 'Daemonologie (1597) [and] Newes from Scotland declaring the damnable life and death of Doctor Fian, a notable sorcerer who was burned at Edenbrough in Ianuary last (1591)' by King James VI [facsimile reprints edited by George B. Harrison] (John Lane the Bodley Head) NLS reference: [X.200.k](#)
- 'The Malleus Maleficarum' edited and translated by P.G. Maxwell-Stuart (Manchester University Press) NLS reference: [PB8.207.821/1](#)

## Folk Beliefs

- 'The Gaelic otherworld : John Gregorson Campbell's Superstitions of the Highlands & Islands of Scotland and Witchcraft & second sight in the Highlands & Islands' edited by Ronald Black (Birlinn) NLS reference: [PB8.210.51/1](#)
- 'Fantastical imaginations : the supernatural in Scottish history and culture' edited by Lizanne Henderson (John Donald) NLS reference: [PB8.210.6/2](#)
- 'Scottish fairy belief : a history' by Lizanne Henderson and Edward J. Cowan (Tuckwell Press) NLS reference: [HP2.201.07547](#)
- 'The golden bough : a study in magic and religion' by Sir James G. Frazer (Oxford University Press) NLS reference: [PB5.209.285/5](#)
- 'The occult laboratory : magic, science and second sight in late seventeenth-century Scotland' edited and introduced by Michael Hunter (Boydell Press) NLS reference [H4.201.0747](#)
- 'The secret commonwealth of elves, fauns and fairies' by Robert Kirk (Dover) NLS reference: [PB5.208.849/4](#)
- 'Troublesome things : a history of fairies and fairy stories' by Diane Purkiss (Penguin) NLS reference: [HP1.202.1372](#)
- 'Letters on demonology and witchcraft' by Sir Walter Scott (S.R.) NLS reference: [Lit.S.25](#)
- 'The Brahan seer : the making of a legend' by Alex Sutherland (Peter Lang) NLS reference: [PB8.209.363/13](#)
- 'Tocher', no. 58 (School of Scottish Studies, Edinburgh University) NLS reference: [HJ4.2306](#)

## Regional Studies

- 'The border burnings : The story of the witchcraft trials of the Scottish Borders 1600-1700' by Mary W. Craig (Border Voices Community Interest Company) NLS reference: [PB5.209.27/15](#)
- 'The witches of Fife : witch-hunting in a Scottish shire, 1560-1710' by Stuart MacDonald (Tuckwell Press) NLS reference: [HP2.202.07798](#)
- 'The Kirk, Satan and Salem : a history of the witches of Renfrewshire' edited by Hugh V. McLachlan (Grimay Press) NLS reference: [PB8.212.277/3](#)
- 'Goodnight, my servants all : the sourcebook of East Lothian witchcraft' by David M. Robertson (Grimsay Press) NLS reference: [PB4.208.53/2](#)
- 'The story of the Forfar witches' by Fiona C. Scharlau (Angus District Council, Libraries and Museums Service) NLS reference: [HP3.96.148](#)
- 'The Bute witches : history, reconstruction of events, historical records and inferences' by William Scott (Elenkus) NLS reference: [PB8.207.745/6](#)

- 'Witchcraft and superstitious record in the south-western district of Scotland' by John Maxwell Wood (Norwood Editions) NLS reference [Q3.76.169](#)

## **Famous Cases**

- 'The Weem witch' by Leonard Low (Steve Savage) NLS reference: [PB5.206.785/11](#)
- 'Witchcraft in early modern Scotland : James VI's Demonology and the North Berwick witches' edited by Lawrence Normand & Gareth Roberts (University of Exeter Press) NLS reference: [HP2.201.02933](#)
- 'The visions of Isobel Gowdie : magic, witchcraft and dark shamanism in seventeenth-century Scotland' by Emma Wilby (Sussex Academic Press) NLS reference: [PB8.211.693/8](#)

## **Scottish Witchcraft and the Demonic in Novels, Drama and Poetry**

### **Novels and Short Stories**

- 'The devil's mistress' by J.W. Brodie-Innes (William Rider & Son) NLS reference: [U.100.g](#)
- 'Witch wood' by John Buchan (Polygon) NLS reference: [PB5.210.46/6](#)
- The devil in Scotland. Being four great Scottish stories of diablerie [i.e. Tam o' Shanter by Robert Burns; Wandering Willie's tale, by Sir Walter Scott; Thrawn Janet, and the Tale of Tod Lapraik, by Robert Louis Stevenson]. (Alexander MacLehose) NLS reference: [X.170.b](#)
- 'The witches of Pollok' by Anne Downie (Capercaillie) NLS reference: [PB5.211.423/5](#)
- 'The private memoirs and confessions of a justified sinner' by James Hogg (Vintage Classics) NLS reference: [PB5.209.853/11](#)
- 'The brownie of Bodsbeck' by James Hogg (Scottish Academic Press) NLS reference: [N3.205.4797L](#)
- 'The shepherd's calendar' by James Hogg (Edinburgh University Press) NLS reference: [Lit.S.29.H](#)
- 'The testament of Gideon Mack' by James Robertson (Penguin) NLS reference: [PB5.207.150/26](#)
- 'Testament of a witch' by Douglas Watt (Luath Press) NLS reference: [PB5.211.761/16](#)

### **Drama**

- 'Stregoneria / Witchcraft' by Joanna Baillie (Aletheia) NLS reference: [PB5.207.1011/12](#)
- 'A spell for green corn' by George Mackay Brown (Hogarth Press) NLS reference: [NE.1016.c.17](#)
- 'The witches of Pollok' by Anne Downie (Capercaillie) NLS reference: [PB5.207.781/12](#)
- 'The last witch' by Rona Munro (Nick Hern Books) NLS reference: [PB5.211.55/22](#)

- 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare. [View various editions on the NLS catalogue.](#)

## Poetry

- 'Witch' in 'Selected poems : 1954-1983' by George Mackay Brown (John Murray) NLS reference: [H3.91.3694](#)
- 'Tam o' Shanter : a tale' by Robert Burns (Birlinn) NLS reference: [HB8.209.2.20](#)
- 'The burning' in 'Navigation for innocents' by Stuart B. Campbell (Dionysia Press) NLS reference: [HP2.203.00542](#)
- 'Pittenweem beach' in 'Skating out of the house' by Anna Crowe (Peterloo Poets) NLS reference: [HP2.98.2225](#)
- 'The rowan' in 'The northern lights and other poems' by Violet Jacob (John Murray) NLS reference: [NG.1167.j.23](#)
- 'Janet Horne' in 'Cathures : new poems 1997-2001' by Edwin Morgan (Carcenet) NLS reference: [HP1.203.0618](#)

## Music

- 'The confession of Isobel Gowdie' by James MacMillan (Boosey & Hawkes) NLS reference: [Mus.Box.998.1](#)

## For Children and Young Adults

- 'First aid for fairies and other fabled beasts' by Lari Don (Kelpies) NLS reference: [PB5.209.1256/13](#)
- 'The drowning pond' by Catherine Forde (Egmont) NLS reference: [PB5.207.1098/3](#)
- 'Accused! : a story of Beatrix Laing' by Susan Greig (Rooshie Doo) NLS reference: [WP1.205.0562](#)
- 'Bessie Dunlop : witch of Dalry' by John Hodgart and Martin Clarke (Hodder & Stoughton) NLS reference: [HP1.96.1764](#)
- 'The witching hour' by Elizabeth Laird (Macmillan) NLS reference: [PB5.210.430/4](#)
- 'Shakespeare's Macbeth : the manga edition' by Adam Sexton ... [et al.] (Wiley) NLS reference: [PB5.208.509/5](#)