Scottish Witch-Hunts Book List

General Historical Works

- ‘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 Larner (John Donald) NLS reference: HP2.201.01744
- ‘Magic and witchcraft in Scotland’ by Joyce Miller (Goblinshead) NLS reference: HP1.205.2694
- ‘The great Scottish witch-hunt’ by P.G. Maxwell-Stuart (Tempus) NLS reference: PB5.209.282/12

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 January last (1591)’ by King James VI [facsimile reprints edited by George B. Harrison] (John Lane the Bodley Head) NLS reference: X.200.k
Folk Beliefs


- ‘The secret commonwealth of elves, fauns and fairies’ by Robert Kirk (Dover) NLS reference: PB5.208.849/4


- ‘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


- ‘Goodnight, my servants all : the sourcebook of East Lothian witchcraft’ by David M. Robertson (Grimsay Press) NLS reference: PB4.208.53/2


- ‘The Bute witches : history, reconstruction of events, historical records and inferences’ by William Scott (Elenkus) NLS reference: PB8.207.745/6
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

Scottish Witchcraft and the Demonic in Novels, Drama and Poetry

Novels

- ‘The devil’s mistress’ by J.W. Brodie-Innes (William Rider & Son) NLS reference: U.100.q
  [Early 20th century novel based on the Isobel Gowdie case]

  [A young minister uncovers devil worship in his parish – set in 17th century Tweeddale]

- ‘The witches of Pollok’ by Anne Downie (Capercaillie) NLS reference: PB5.211.423/5
  [Novel based on the events of 1677 Pollok witch trials – see also play with same title]

  [Of course we have many editions of this!]

- ‘The testament of Gideon Mack’ by James Robertson (Penguin) NLS reference: PB5.207.150/26
  [A faithless minister meets the devil. James Roberson was influenced by Hogg’s ‘Justified Sinner’ in writing this novel]

- ‘Shakespeare’s Macbeth’ by Adam Sexton … [et al.] (Wiley) NLS reference: PB5.208.509/5
  [Graphic novel/Manga version of ‘Macbeth’, just for something different! There are other graphic novel versions of ‘Macbeth’ on the Main Catalogue, this is just one example]

- ‘Testament of a witch’ by Douglas Watt (Luath Press) NLS reference: PB5.211.761/16

Drama

- ‘The witches of Pollok’ by Anne Downie (Capercaillie) NLS reference: PB5.207.781/12
  [Play based on the events of the 1677 Pollok witch trials – see also novel with same title]
‘The last witch’ by Rona Munro (Nick Hern Books) NLS reference: PB5.211.55/22

‘Macbeth’ by William Shakespeare

Poetry

‘Tam o’Shanter : a tale’ by Robert Burns (Birlinn) NLS reference: HB8.209.2.20

Music

‘The confession of Isobel Gowdie’ by James MacMillan (Boosey & Hawkes) NLS reference: Mus.Box.998.1

For Children

‘The drowning pond’ by Catherine Forde (Egmont) NLS reference: PB5.207.1098/3
[Novel following a group of teenage girls, their difficult relationships and the events that occur when their class study the trial of infamous Scottish witch Isobel Gowdie]

‘Accused! : a story of Beatrix Laing’ by Susan Greig (Rooshie Doo) NLS reference: WP1.205.0562
[Short novel based on the Pittenweem witch trials of 1704-1705]

‘Bessie Dunlop : witch of Dalry’ by John Hodgart and Martin Clarke (Hodder & Stoughton) NLS reference: HP1.96.1764
[Play based on the confession of the midwife, Bessie Dunlop, also known as the witch of Dalry (Dalry, Ayrshire, 1567)].

‘The witching hour’ by Elizabeth Laird (Macmillan) NLS reference: PB5.210.430/4
[Novel focusing on 14 year old Maggie’s grandmother who is accused of witchcraft in 17th century Scotland].