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Texan Writer Untangles Scottish History

New book traces centuries of Scottish history through the story of a single clan

SURFSIDE BEACH, Texas — For the general American reader, Scottish history can seem like a tangled skein of clans, families, and regimes. At last, one book has unraveled that confusion by following a single thread through the centuries: *Forbes: A Story of Scotland*.

Written by Texan B.R. Forbes, this engaging and highly readable history offers a concise yet richly textured journey through Scotland's past. Rather than recounting events from a distant national perspective, the book narrows the lens to a single clan whose choices, rivalries, convictions, and ambitions intersected with the forces that shaped Scotland's identity. Through Clan Forbes, history becomes immediate, personal, and profoundly human.

The book traces Clan Forbes over 500 years, from medieval Aberdeenshire through the Reformation, the Jacobite rebellions, and into the nineteenth century — following one family's fortunes as a way of making the larger, often bewildering story of Scotland's clans approachable for readers with no prior background in the subject.

Reviewing the book for Reedsy Discovery, professional reviewer Lucas North praised how skillfully the author weaves Forbes family history into the broader sweep of Scottish events, noting that the approach keeps the narrative focused while adding clarity and humanity to the larger events described.

Forbes: A Story of Scotland is available now internationally through major online retailers such as Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, and Walmart.

B.R. Forbes, known as Bart, is a historian and storyteller who has spent over a decade researching the global House of Forbes. Drawing on primary documents and rigorous archival research, his work reveals the human drama behind Scotland's clan rivalries and cultural upheavals. He has been a member of the Clan Forbes Society since 1987 and President since 2018. A retired federal grants manager and public telecommunications professional, Bart lives with his husband, Antonio Uribe Jr., in Surfside Beach, Texas.

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