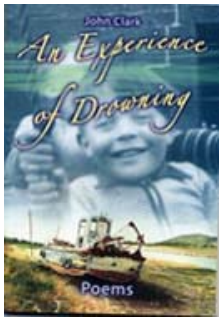

An Experience of Drowning: Poems
Clark, John Landscapes 2002

In this volume John Clark combines his artistic talents with his enthusiasm for writing poetry and continues to write in both Scots and English. The collection is not rooted entirely in Dumfries with works on both the Orient and Europe.

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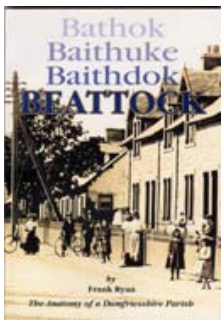

Beattock: The Anatomy of a Dumfriessshire Parish by Frank Ryan
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives

Beattock's place in history is out of all proportion to its size. This small Dumfriesshire village has been of significance to the builders of roads and railways, and to the multitudes travelling to and fro between Scotland and England over the centuries. The surrounding parish of Kirkpatrick-Juxta bears the remains of others - Celtic chieftains, Romans and medieval lords - who saw the strategic importance of the locality. Now, for the first time, we have a record of this place. Frank Ryan, using his long experience as a journalist and author, has written a lively and involving account looking not just at the distant past but giving local people their voices also. Anecdote and humour help to make the chapters, each about a different facet of life in the village and parish, a delight to read.

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Dumfries and Galloway: a literary guide
Watt, Julia Muir
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives 2000

The first comprehensive survey of regional literature for a century and the first ever to bring together the authors from the four areas of Dumfriesshire and Galloway. The book is organised geographically and features 100 authors who were born, educated or lived in Dumfries and Galloway. It gives biographical details for each, an overview of their works, and - in most cases - a portrait. Bibliographies give guidance to those who wish to explore further in depth.

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Dumfries and Galloway: a literary map
Watt, Julia Muir
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives 2001

This map is intended as a handy reference guide for those travelling through Dumfries and Galloway, who may wish to visit monuments or attractions with literary associations or to gain a greater understanding of the region through its literature. Dumfries and Galloway a literary guide provides full biographies, bibliographies and a summary of the works of each other featured in this map.

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Finding a Place: Poems
Mitchell, Douglas
Dumfries and Galloway libraries, Information and Archives

These pieces are inspired by walks made by the author and other events experienced in 2003 and 2004

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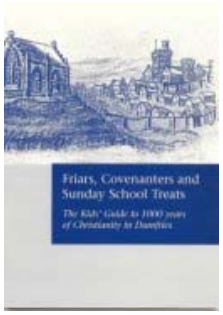

Friars, Covenanters and Sunday School Treats: The Kids Guide to 1000 years of Christianity in Dumfries
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives 2002

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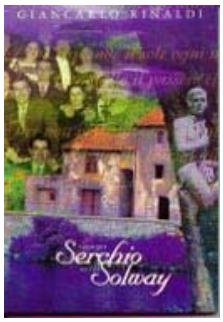

From the Serchio to the Solway
Rinaldi, Giancarlo
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives 1998

This volume is the story of a century of Italian immigration to Dumfries. The social history of the Italians and their life is told through personal accounts of their experience from the first settlers to the new generation of 'Italo - Scozzessi'

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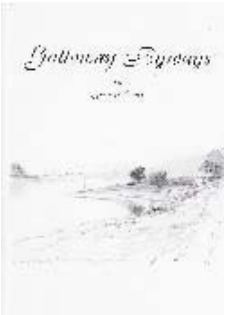

Galloway Byways by Jack Hunter
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives

Galloway Byways was written as a celebration of Rev. C.H. Dick's Highways and Byways in Galloway and Carrick, and like its predecessor has proved very popular.

This second edition includes ten new articles and eleven expanded ones. Themes range in time from the Roman era to the Second World War, and in subject from ambassadors to submariners. There is much to surprise and delight in this extended exploration of the nooks and crannies of Galloway's past.

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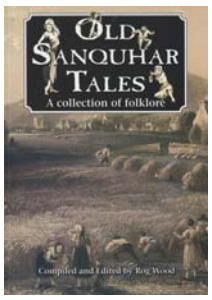

Old Sanquhar Tale: A collection of folklore
Compiled and edited by Rog Wood
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives 2010

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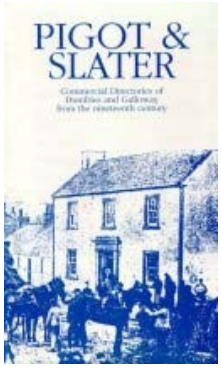
Have you ever heard tell of Abraham Crichton's ghost, the Crawick Mill witches, or the Dreary Lady of the Linn? If you want to know more (and only the brave would) a new book can help. Old Sanquhar Tales: A collection of folklore has been compiled and edited by local journalist and author Rog Wood, who in his words "decided to collect the best of the old Sanquhar tales and to edit and rewrite them in a modern style". He's more than succeeded, and has included not only ghost stories, but tales of pranks and pipers, Covenanters and resurrectionists. His own farming expertise is also in evidence throughout the book, and particularly in his chapter on Sanquhar fairs and the local wool trade.

Many of the scenes described in the book are dramatically illustrated by local artist Gary Bonn, and reproductions of old photographs also complement the text.



Pigot and Slater: Commercial Directories of Dumfries and Galloway from the Nineteenth Century
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives 1992

This volume contains the local sections from each of the Libraries Information and Archives Pigot and Slater Directories - the old areas of Dumfriesshire, Stewartry of Kirkcudbright and Wigtownshire. Whilst each individual directory provides a snapshot image of local life, the three together form a picture showing considerable change. The introduction of railways and the rise of the measured population of Dumfries and Galloway to its 1851 peak of 164,633 are only two examples of such change. This edition has been arranged in three chronological sections representing the 1825-26, 1837-38 and 1852 directories. Within each section Dumfriesshire is followed by the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright and then Wigtownshire.

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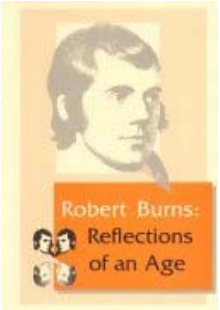

Robert Burns: Reflections of an Age
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives 1995

This publication has been compiled by Dumfries and Galloway Libraries to commemorate the bicentenary of the death of Robert Burns. Excerpts from the poet's verses and letters (reproduced with original spellings) are combined with illustrations and articles, many from contemporary sources, to provide background information and an introduction to some of the events, people and places which influenced his life and work.

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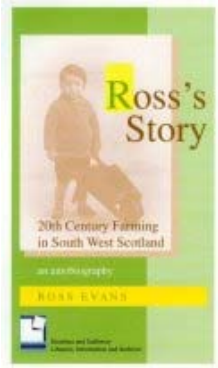

Ross's Story: 20th Century farming in South West Scotland: an autobiography
Evans, Ross
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives 1998

This volume is the autobiography of Ross Evans. It covers his early days on the Rhinns of Galloway through farming in South Yorkshire and the move back to Galloway and through his years at Penkiln and Cairnfield.

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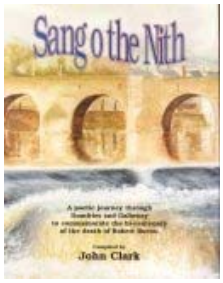

Sang of the Nith: A Poetic Journey Through Dumfries and Galloway to Commemorate The Bi-Centenary of the Death of Robert Burns
Clark, John
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives 1996

This volume takes you on a poetic journey through Burns' Country as seen through the eyes of three generations of Dumfries poets, John MacDonald Clark, his son John and grandson Alan. The journey includes the whole of South West Scotland and beyond. It is illustrated in both line drawing and watercolour by John Clark. The introductory chapter gives an insight into the life and times of the poet. The poems and text are interspersed with extracts from the original works of Robert Burns. Descriptive pieces, landscape poetry, humorous sketches all come together to carry the reader on a tireless journey full of pleasant surprises.

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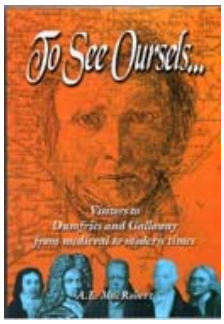

To See Oursels: Visitors to Dumfries and Galloway from Medieval to Modern Times
MacRobert, A E
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives 2001

Many famous, infamous and unusual people have visited Dumfries and Galloway over the centuries. Fortunately, some recorded their widely varying experiences, and this book contains a selection of them. From English spies of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries to Neil Armstrong visit to Langholm after the moon landing, and from Daniel Defoe and John Keats to a South Seas Islander called Williamu, the accounts and viewpoints cover more than five centuries and span the world. They have been selected, annotated and are introduced by local author A E MacRobert, and the whole is comprehensively illustrated from contemporary prints and maps.

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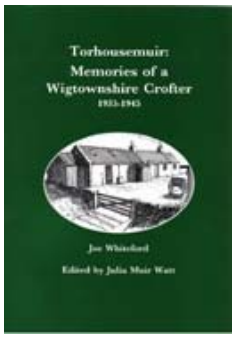

Torhousemuir: Memories of a Wigtownshire Crofter 1935-1945
Whiteford, Joe
Dumfries and Galloway Libraries, Information and Archives 2001

Crofting has long been considered a purely Highland activity, but in the southernmost reaches of Scotland a crofting community existed until the end of the Second World War. The small-scale subsistence farming that characterises crofting was in evidence on the lands of Torhousemuir, in the Machars of Wigtownshire, from the early nineteenth century onwards. Joe Whiteford lived on the croft of Mossend, Torhousemuir just before lowland crofting's demise. It is his superb memory for detail that makes this book more than just a collection of reminiscences; it is virtually a manual of bygone farming (and poaching) practices, nourished with a rich mix of anecdote and humour. The book is edited and has an excellent scene-setting introduction by local author Julia Muir Watt, and is beautifully illustrated with apposite drawings, diagrams and maps.

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