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Blossom Lesley Riddoch, 2013-08-26 Blossom 1 A term given to flowers of stone fruit trees and some other plants that flower profusely in Spring Blossoms provide pollen to bees and initiate cross pollination necessary for trees to reproduce by producing fruit 2 A peak period or stage of development Covering topics including housing health language and culture Riddoch looks at the way in which Scots identify themselves and how this needs to change in order for the country to blossom as an independent nation or a strongly devolved one Arguing that limited access to security and wealth has left Scots feeling like outsiders in their own country this book tackles fundamental and personal issues of identity that matter to ordinary Scots Designed to incite discussion and debate this book will appeal to those who believe larger issues of self esteem and power lurk beneath the complexities of the independence debate and want to delve deeper **BACK COVER** What will it take for Scotland to blossom Imagine Scotland as a beautifully knitted warmth providing sweater caught on a snag Its wearer tries to move forward but cannot A pause is needed to lift the garment clear Scotland is thus snagged And no amount of tugging will free it from the stubborn progress inhibiting three headed hook of inequality distant control and top down governance Weeding out vital components of Scottish identity from decades of political and social tangle is no mean task but it s one journalist Lesley Riddoch has undertaken Dispensing with the tired yo yoing jousts over fiscal commissions Devo Something and EU in or out Blossom pinpoints both the buds of growth and the blight that s holding Scotland back Drawing from its people history and the author s own passionate and outspoken perspective this is a plain speaking but incisive call to restore control to local communities and let Scotland flourish The people we could be Alexander Bell, 2014-08-18 We live in a time of crises in a state with no moral purpose This generation could become great by tackling Scotland s domestic problems and the wider issues facing the world That is only possible if we take charge set the goal of equality and give ourselves twenty years to transform our society We can lead ourselves to a better world **ALEX BELL** Former Head of Policy to First Minister Alex Salmond Alex Bell puts Scotland s future in a global context and sets out a way for Scotland and the UK to reform This is a manifesto for the future free of party lines or the usual orthodoxies if you read only one book on the referendum make it this one The sort of original thinking that has been so sorely missing in the debate **BEN THOMSON** Reform Scotland Badly needed as a guide for the general reader to the issues facing the Scottish people **KENNETH ROY** Scottish Review A rare work a stimulating read that you would hope party manifestos would aspire to but rarely do **JOHN McLAREN** Centre for Public Policy for Regions A manifesto for the future **ANDY WIGHTMAN** author of *The Poor Had No Lawyers* an eloquent and alarmingly persuasive book **THE SCOTSMAN** on Peak Water **A Modest Proposal** Angus Reid, 2014-05-01 The history of parliament in the UK has a consistent theme the refusal to accept any binding contract with the people This unacceptable status quo goes for Holyrood as much as for Westminster The time has come for people to challenge the power of the ruling class We want to see the Scottish Parliament become an institution that it has so far failed

to be an institution committed to the sovereignty of the people We want the people of Scotland to lead the rest of the UK by example and ensure that the actions of a government are bound by shared political and ethical values And we propose the first step a modest proposal for the agreement of the people Are you with us ANGUS REID and MARY DAVIS We need a common ground and this is a brave attempt to create that in simple and universal language DAVE MOXHAM Deputy General Secretary STUCT This fascinating project has the seed of revolution in it GEORGE GUNN writer and broadcaster CONTENTS Prologue Call for a Constitution Introduction CHAPTER 1 The Words CHAPTER 2 The Journey Map Responses Schools CHAPTER 3 The Past The English Revolution 1647 to 1649 The Workers Story 1910 to 1918 For Women 1914 to the present day CHAPTER 4 Considering a Constitution A socialist view A view from a former Government insider A view from Iceland A view from the Red Paper Collective A view across the Meadows CHAPTER 5 Epilogue The White Paper Acknowledgements Contributors Bibliography Petition *Women's Periodicals and Print Culture in Britain, 1940s-2000s* Forster Laurel Forster,2020-09-21 Foregrounds the diversity of periodicals fiction and other printed matter targeted at women in the postwar periodForegrounds the diversity and the significance of print cultures for women in the postwar period across periodicals fiction and other printed matterExamines changes and continuities as women s magazines have moved into digital formatsHighlights the important cultural and political contexts of women s periodicals including the Women s Liberation Movement and SocialismExplores the significance of women as publishers printers and editorsWomen s Periodicals and Print Culture in Britain 1940s 2000s draws attention to the wide range of postwar print cultures for women The collection spans domestic cultural and feminist magazines and extends to ephemera novels and other printed matter as well as digital magazine formats The range of essays indicates both the history of publishing for women and the diversity of readers and audiences over the mid late twentieth century and the early twenty first century in Britain The collection reflects in detail the important ways in magazines and printed matter contributed to challenged or informed British women s culture A range of approaches including interview textual analysis and industry commentary are employed in order to demonstrate the variety of ways in which the impact of postwar print media may be understood **Blossom** Lesley Riddoch,2020-04-24 Blossom is an account of Scotland at the grassroots through the stories of people I ve had the good fortune to know the most stubborn talented and resilient people on the planet They ve had to be Some have transformed their parts of Scotland Some have tried and failed But all have something in common they know what it takes for Scotland to blossom We should too Weeding out vital components of Scottish identity from decades of political and social tangle is no mean task but it s one journalist Lesley Riddoch has undertaken Dispensing with the tired yo yoing jousts over fiscal commissions Devo Something and EU in or out Blossom pinpoints both the buds of growth and the blight that s holding Scotland back Drawing from its people and history as well as the experience of the Nordic countries and the author s own passionate and outspoken perspective this is a plain speaking but incisive call to restore equality and control to local communities and let Scotland flourish **Caledonian**

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Scotland's Referendum David Torrance, 2014-06-19 On 18 September 2014 everyone in Scotland aged 16 or over will be asked the question Should Scotland Be An Independent Country As the referendum approaches the debates over whether or not Scotland should be an independent country are becoming more heated This guide produced by respected

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Crime, Justice and Society in Scotland Hazel Croall,Gerry Mooney,Mary Munro,2015-08-20 Crime Justice and Society in Scotland is an edited collection of chapters from leading experts that builds and expands upon the success of the 2010 publication Criminal Justice in Scotland to offer a comprehensive and critical overview of Scottish criminal justice and its relation to wider social inequalities and social justice This new volume considers criminal justice in the context of the Scottish politics and the recent referendum on independence and it includes a discussion of the complex relationships between criminal justice and devolution nationalism and nation building There are new chapters on research and policy sectarianism gangs victims and justice organised crime and crimes of the powerful in Scotland as well as chapters reflecting on the use of electronic monitoring desistance and practice and major changes in the structure of Scottish policing Comprehensive and topical this book is essential reading for academics and students in the fields of criminal justice criminology law social science and social policy It will also be of interest to practitioners researchers policymakers civil servants and politicians **Huts** Lesley Riddoch,2020-09-03 Victorian visitors had shooting lodges Scots had trips doon the watter Norwegian citizens had hytte Scots had Butlins Why have the inhabitants of one of Europe s prime tourist destinations been elbowed off the land and exiled from nature for so long Lesley Riddoch relives her own bothy experience rediscovers lost hutting communities travels through hytte covered Norway and suggests that thousands of humble woodland huts would give Scots a vital post covid connection with nature and affordable low impact holidays in their own beautiful land at last

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