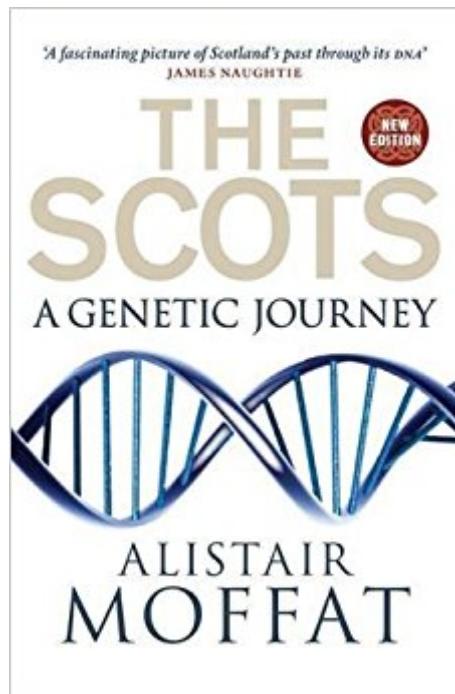


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# The Scots: A Genetic Journey



## Synopsis

History has always mattered to Scots, and rarely more so than now at the outset of a new century, after more than ten years of a new parliament and the new census of 2011. An almost limitless archive of our history lies hidden inside our bodies and we carry the ancient story of Scotland around with us. The mushrooming of genetic studies, of DNA analysis, is rewriting our history in spectacular fashion. In this new edition of *The Scots: A Genetic Journey*, Alistair Moffat explores the history that is printed on our genes, and in a remarkable new approach, uncovers the detail of where we are from, who we are and, in so doing, vividly paints a DNA map of Scotland.

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'[Moffat] is wonderfully able to communicate the epic elements of the story, which matters because that's precisely what man's survival has been' \* Scotsman \* 'The fusion of science and the physical history - like an abandoned croft - allows people to trace their Scots ancestry with precision' \* Sunday Herald \* 'A fascinating picture' -- James Naughtie \* Today Programme BBC Radio 4 \*

Born and raised in Kelso in the Scottish Border country, Alistair Moffat has often left the place in body, but never in spirit. He attended the universities of St Andrews, Edinburgh and London, and also received some tough education on the rugby fields of the Borders. In 1976 Alistair took over the running of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and in five years made it the largest and most dynamic arts festival in the world. A prolific and popular author, Alistair's books *Kelsae*, *The Borders*, *The Reviers*, *The Sea Kingdoms*, *The Wall* and *Tuscany* are all published by Birlinn.

This book provide a great deal of info concerning the dna of scotch people. The writing was good, detailed and comprehensive. I was looking specifically for the Pict connection with Smith and the Pict culture. dna research is confusing to me and seems to change all the time, so I am not sure if it could be updated in the book. The dna for Picts was missing ( and is questionably available), also I would have like to have more of the Pict social structure of the warriors in the feudal environment prior to 1300 ad. This could explain what happened to the Picts in Scotch history. Overall the book was well done and informative.

Front board of this hardback had been bent (bows inward) by some force that may have occurred in shipping. It came in a softside envelope. The dust cover had a knife cut (about 2 1/2 inches) on front board edge but was easily repaired. The interior is perfect, no damage of any kind. I feel I have in my possession an excellent book that addresses the research I am doing but the price of the book, considering its damage may be a bit high. Again, the bowing of the front board may have occurred in shipping.

Very good read! If you want to know about the way the environment, the climate, and the migrations around Paleolithic and laterEurope, coincided in Scotland, this is the book. His "The British: A Genetic Journey" was also excellent. Moffat is a good writer and is able to make the dryness of date more colorful and juicier.

An easily understood comparison of historical migrations, drawing on genetics, history, legend, andInguistics which fleshes out the "image" of Scotland's past.

A readable summary of history of the Scots using genetics as well as linguistic and historical sources. Written for the non-specialist, it is very informative.

Good overview of genetics mixed with language migration. This will help anyone looking for their Scottish ancestors to get a sense of the background and migration paths of their ancestors.

History can sometimes be boring. Not so in this book. Moffatt creates a compelling easy to read enjoyable journey through Scottish history.

A pleasant "summer read," it's a very readable account of how the distinctive DNA haplogroups of the various waves of newcomers have affected the demography and history of Scotland in the millenia since the end of the Ice Age.

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