A History of Everyday Life in Twentieth Century Scotland
Edited by Lynn Abrams and Callum Brown

Description
The lives of Scots in the twentieth century changed more dramatically, more quickly and with greater cultural significance than in many previous centuries. The patterns of people’s everyday habits in 2000 were unrecognisable to their nineteenth-century ancestors. By examining Scots’ bodies, homes, working lives, rituals, beliefs and consumption, this volume exposes how the very substance of everyday life was composed, tracing both the intimate and the mass changes that the people endured. Using novel perspectives and methods, it ranges across the experiences of work, art and death, the way Scots conceived of themselves and their homes, to the way the ‘old Scotland’ of oppressive community rules broke down from mid century as the country reinvented its everyday life and culture.

This volume brings together leading cultural historians of twentieth-century Scotland to study the apparently mundane activities of people’s lives, traversing the key spaces where daily experience is composed to expose the controversial personal and national politics that ritual and practice can generate.

Key Features
• Contains an overview of the material changes experienced by Scots in their everyday lives during the course of the century
• Focuses on some of the key areas of change in everyday experience, from the way Scots spent their Sundays to the homes in which they lived, the work they undertook to the culture they consumed and eventually the way they died.
• Pays attention to identity as well as experience

Selling Points
• The series provides a comprehensive guide to everyday life in Scotland from the Vikings to the twentieth century
• Contributors include Lynn Jamieson, E. W. McFarland and Arthur McIvor
• Each volume examines common topics such as landscape, homes, objects, rituals, beliefs, work and leisure patterns, conflict and communication
• The books are ideal for use in the classroom at school and UG level

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