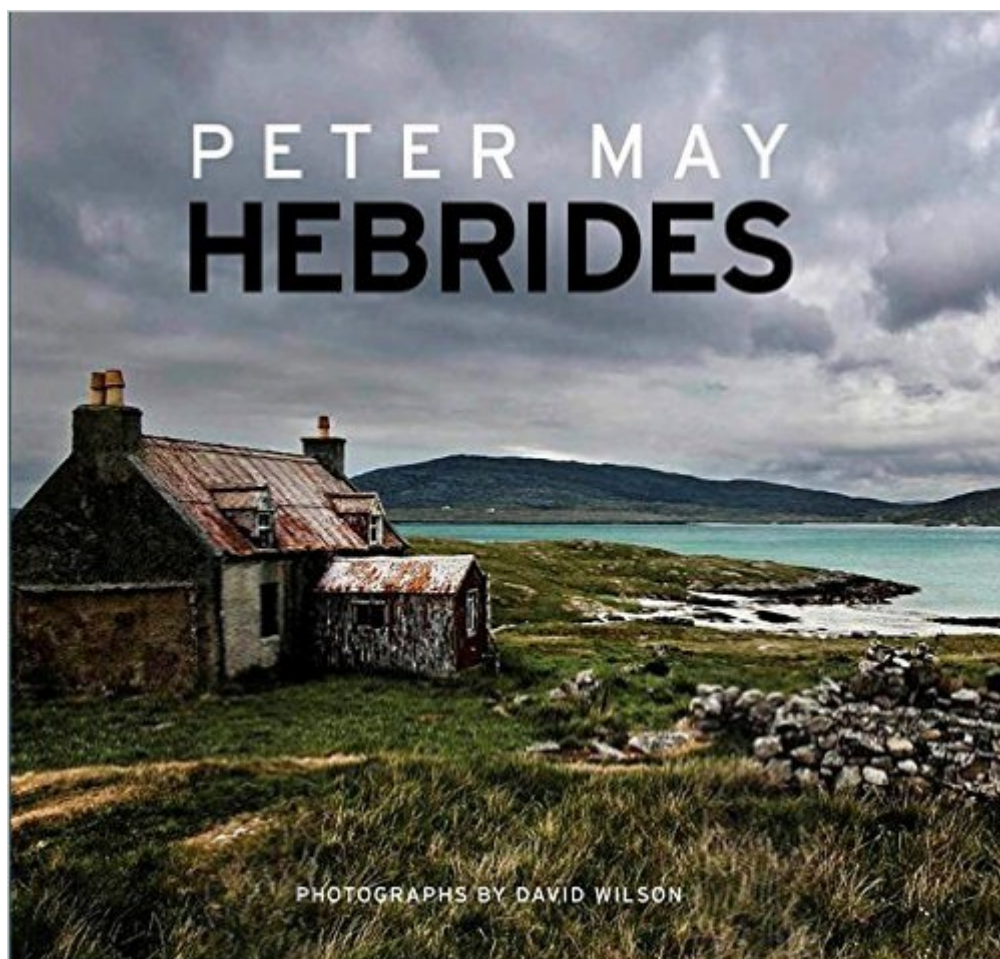


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## Synopsis

Since the publication of *The Blackhouse* in 2011, the books of Peter May's groundbreaking Lewis Trilogy have enthralled millions of readers around the world with powerfully evocative descriptions of the Outer Hebrides. From its peat bogs and heather-coated hills, from its weather-beaten churches and crofters cottages to its cold clear rills choked with rainwater, the islands off the northwest coast of Scotland have been brought to vivid life by this accomplished novelist. Now, Peter May and photographer David Wilson present a photographic record of the countless locations around the Hebridean archipelago that so inspired May when he was bringing the islands of detective Fin McLeod's childhood to the page. From the tiny southern island of Barra to the largest and most northern island of Lewis, travel the storm-whipped North Atlantic scenery with May as he once again strolls the wild and breathtaking countryside that gave birth to his masterful trilogy of novels.

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## Customer Reviews

I have read all three of Peter May's novels set in the Hebrides, so it was great to see photos of the areas that inspired the books. The first chapter gives some geological and social history of the islands. The next four chapters describe May's history with the islands and the settings for the three books, respectively. I am not sure how interesting the text will be to those unfamiliar with Peter May's work or novels, but the photos are fantastic and do a good job of capturing the essence of the area.

The author of the Lewis Trilogy of suspense novels set in the Outer Hebrides takes you on a tour of the very places featured in the stories. Even without knowing the connections, one is transported through the eyes of a professional photographer to a magical and haunting landscape most of us will never see but yearn to because of its remoteness and ethereal beauty.

If you've been to the Hebrides you'll be especially pleased with the book and its gorgeous photos. If you're reading May's Lewis trilogy, this is a lovely companion. My one hesitation: I ordered from a vendor called Total Books because at the time I ordered the book, that was the best available option here. It was a mistake. I waited a month with all kinds of non-sequitur replies or non-replies to my inquiries regarding order status, and finally had to submit a claim. I see this vendor is still here. You could go to Scotland by yourself and pick up a copy and have a lovely holiday before Total Crooks will deliver your book. And it would be a great trip. The most beautiful place in the world.

Actually I'd like to say this is a very overpriced, terrible book with lousy pictures just so you won't be tempted to travel to the Hebrides! In fact it's an amazing book filled with photos that will make you want to pack your bags. If you don't mind some cool weather and a gentle mist you should go see where these photos were taken yourself. My wife didn't want to go but did anyway. Now it's the only place she wants to go so this summer we're going for two weeks and already know it won't be enough. Reading the book is almost torture!

Fabulous pictures - great coffee table book! I read (or mostly looked at :-)) before starting on the Fin McCleod series. Can do in either order. Or just enjoy the wonderful history and beauty of the Hebrides!!

This book must be the definitive study of the Hebrides (Western Isles) both pictorially and historically. The author covers in the text geology, the stone circles, the Vikings, the clearances, the weavers of Harris tweed and the life and culture of the hardy inhabitants. But what makes the book outstanding are the magnificent pictures that cover all aspects of life and unparalleled scenery. A 10 star book but it will not fit in your back pocket.

Photographs are fabulous, and if you have read the "Black House" trilogy, you must read this book. Then, you will want to go to visit the Isle of Lewis.

If you have read and enjoyed Peter May's Trilogy of the Hebrides this book is a "must". Wonderful pictures and descriptions of the places which often were the inspiration to his wonderful stories.

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