

# SCOTLAND'S STORYBOOK TRAIL

A little guide to magical tales and places to visit

Take a magical adventure from page to place by following the colour key and discover where in Scotland your favourite characters came to life.

#### THE ISLAND AND THE BEAR by Louise Greig Try some wildlife watching in the Outer Hebrides – maybe you'll find a bear just like in the story. 2 THE WATER HORSE by Dick King-Smith Scour Loch Ness on your own monster hunt inspired by the story of a mysterious water creature which hatches from an egg washed ashore after a storm. 3 **KATIE MORAG** by Mairi Hedderwick The Isle of **Coll** was the real-life inspiration for Katie Morag's home on the Isle of Struay. Take a picnic to the beach or explore the island's village. 4

#### THE GRUFFALO by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler

Take a stroll through the deep dark wood on Ardkinglas Estate in search of the Gruffalo in this Scots version of the famous story.

### 5 THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

by Kenneth Grahame

Look for Mr Toad and friends at the Crinan Canal in Argyll, believed to have inspired The Wind in the Willows, as the author spent much of his childhood here

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THE BOY WITH THE BRONZE AXE by Kathleen Fidler

See what life might have been like at the Stone Age village of **Skara Brae** which you can still explore today!



#### 18 **HAKI THE SHETLAND PONY** by Kathleen Fidler

Shetland

Come face to face with real Shetland ponies but we can't promise they'll be able to act, dance or follow the sound of bagpipes like Haki!

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THE BOOK OF THE HOWLAT by James Robertson & Kate Leiper

Follow the tale of a wee owl (or howlat in old Scots!) who wants

to be beautiful. Morayshire is a great area for wildlife watching.

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**TREASURE ISLAND** by Robert Louis Stevenson

#### Braemar and Fidra Island are said to have inspired this

swashbuckling adventure. Today, instead of pirates you'll find puffins as Fidra is an RSPB Scotland reserve.

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#### BEANO/THE DANDY/OOR WULLIE

Look out for statues of DC Thomson legends, **Desperate Dan, Minnie the** Minx and Oor Wullie, in Dundee city centre. And don't miss the chance to grab a selfie on **Bash Street**.

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#### PETER RABBIT AND FRIENDS by Beatrix Potter

Birnam Arts Centre is a great place to learn about the region that inspired the creation of Peter Rabbit, you may also meet some of his friends in the **Beatrix** Potter Exhibition Garden.

#### 6 **THUMBLE TUMBLE** by A H Proctor

Keep your eyes peeled for Night Witches and Sea Dragons at Brodick Castle and Lochranza Castle where the little witch had her first two magical adventures.

8 PETER PAN by J M Barrie

See the Peter Pan statue at **JM** Barrie's Birthplace in Kirriemuir, or visit **Moat Brae** in Dumfries, Barrie's childhood home – a real life Neverland.



#### 10 11 12 HARRY POTTER

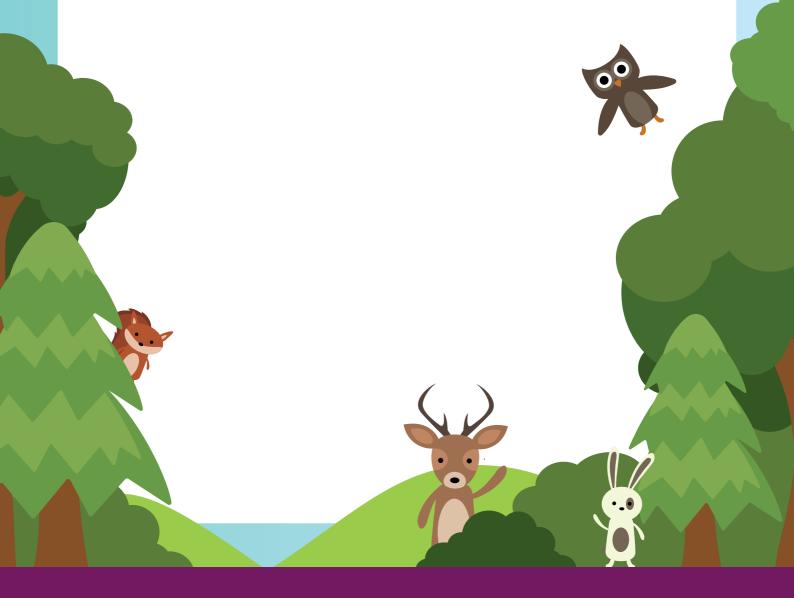
by J K Rowling

Visit Tom Riddle's grave at Greyfriars Kirkyard, meet some of Hedwig's friends at the Scottish Owl Centre or hop aboard the Hogwarts Express across the **Glenfinnan Viaduct**.

#### **GREYFRIARS BOBBY** by Eleanor Stackhouse Atkinson

Visit Bobby's statue near **Greyfriars** Kirkyard where the dutiful dog once guarded his master's grave or head to the Museum of Edinburgh to see his collar and dish.

Download and print this map to draw a picture of yourself and your favourite book characters having a great holiday in Scotland...



#### And, why not continue your magical adventures at the venues and events below...

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