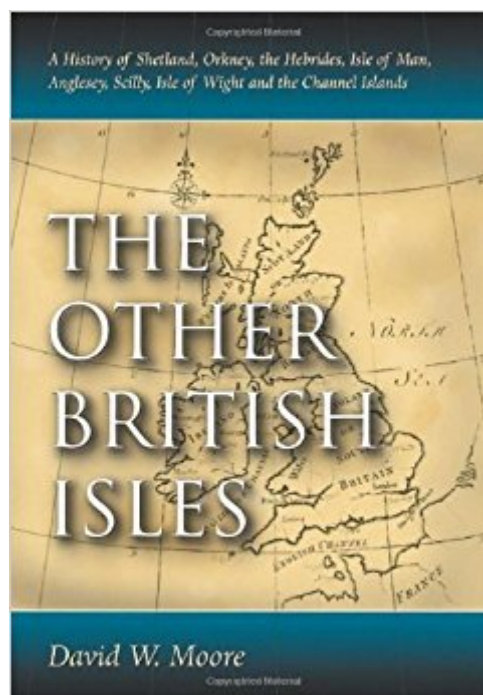




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This is a very nice book reviewing the history of many offshore Islands including Shetlands (which is why I bought it - ancestors from there!), Orkneys, Hebrides, Man, Scilly, Anglesey, Wight and

Channel Islands. I found it really fascinating and what history they have! Highly recommended for a different history read.

This history of oft-forgotten pieces of the UK is a needed supplement to the usual histories of the British Isles. Lots of detail on both past history and current life on these islands which don't fit the simplistic histories we usually get. This adds color to what the British Empire actually was and what modern Britain is.

There is no other book like it. It covers all the British Isles--Shetlands, Orkneys, Hebrides, Isle of Man, Anglesey, Scilly Isles, Isle of Wight, Channel Islands. That's maybe in total 3,000 square miles and 300,000 people currently. The historical complexity is dizzying. Each of these is gone into in great detail, including history, geography, their present status, and in some cases, the peculiarities of their governing structures. I found the most interesting aspects to be the quite peculiar legal status of the Isle of Man, and the very complex history of the Channel Islands. It's refreshing to read about Great Britain as an archipelago rather than just an appendage to England. That said, the writing drags in a few spots, and the book itself is not a particularly good product--I refer to the binding, paper and font.

Personally, I cannot praise too highly the accuracy of the information given in this book. Reading does provide the opportunity of the heightened understanding of the other British Isles. Recommended! Dag Stomberg

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