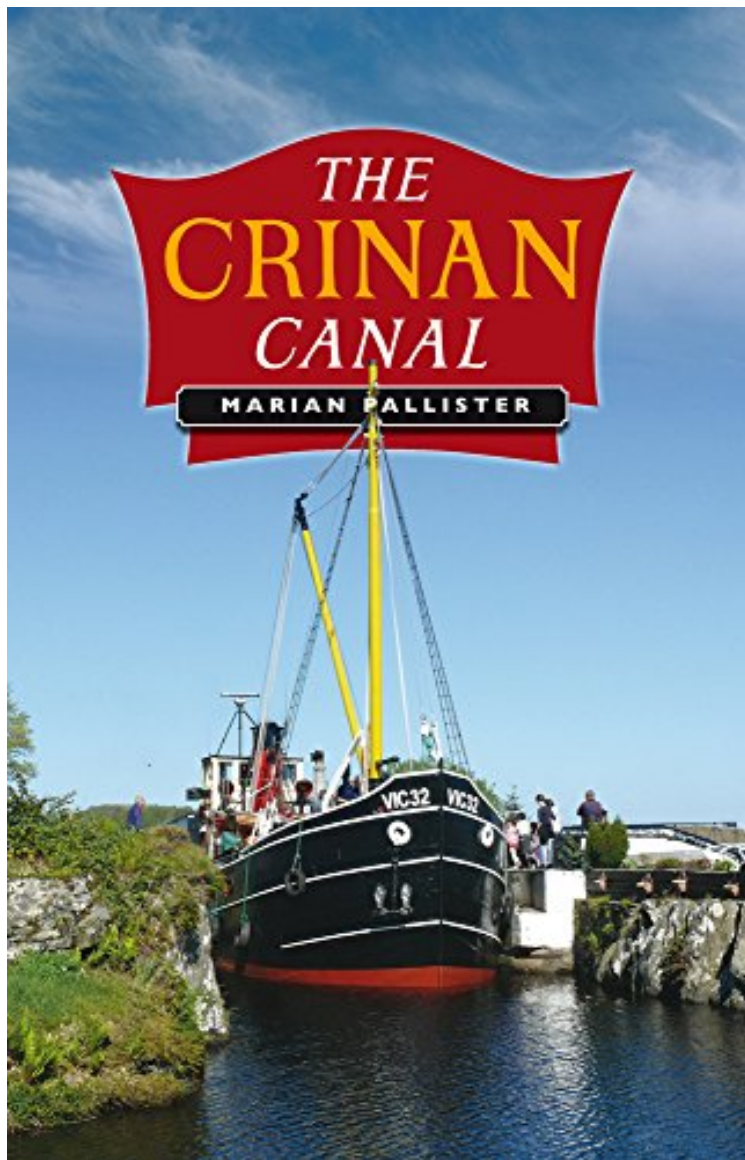


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Known as 'Britain's most beautiful shortcut', the Crinan Canal runs from Ardrishaig on Loch Fyne nine miles across

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