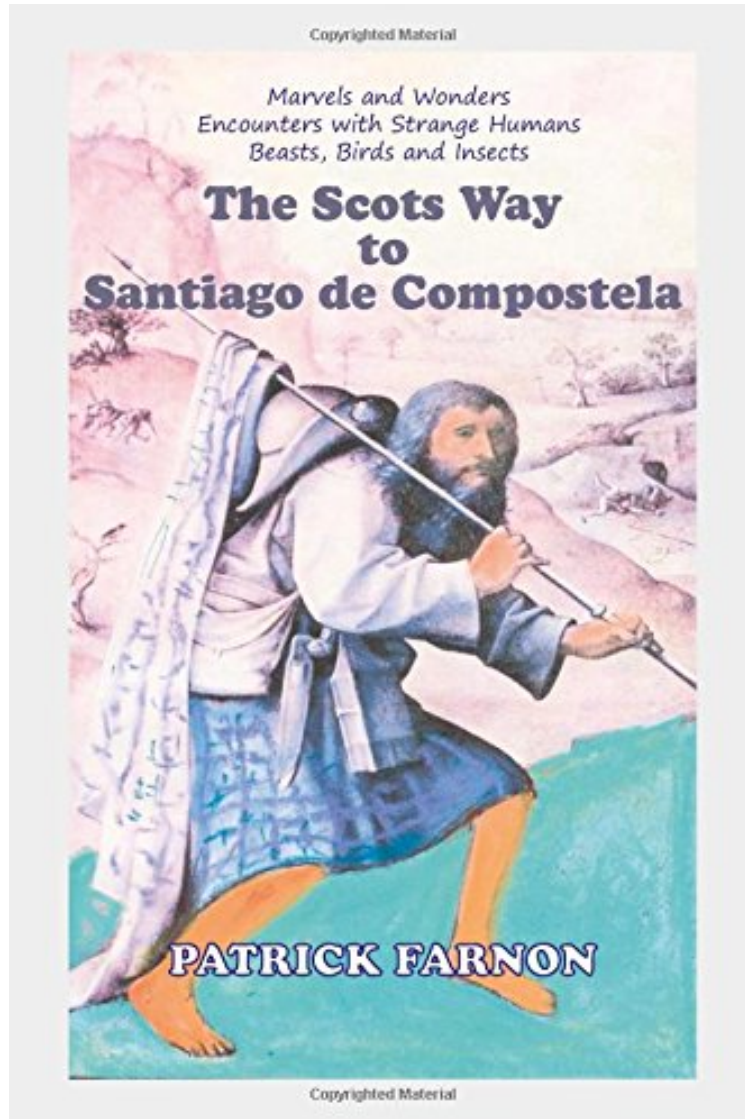


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Patrick Farnon : The Scots Way to Santiago de Compostela before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Scots Way to Santiago de Compostela:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A modern day pilgrim's taleBy CustomerA fun read and a great companion for anyone planning to walk the Camino de Santiago. Mr. Farnon documents his journey in an entertaining, humourous and down to earth pilgrim's tale. There's a good mixing of the historical with the personal. The author has an authentic voice and a wonderful eye for those odd moments in life, managing to lift the more quirky aspects of the

mundane to the level of the devotional.

Looking at medieval maps of the traditional pilgrim routes to the Spanish cathedral city of Santiago de Compostela, it is noticeable that there are no roads from Scotland. Noticeable at least to the Scots author of this book. Patrick Farnon, who splits his time between Scotland, the Netherlands and Spain, says: "I thought it might be a good idea to invent such a route. Of the various well-trodden roads to Santiago we have the French way (El Camino Frances), the Fisterra Way (El Camino de Fisterra), the English Way (El Camino Ingles), the Silver Way (La Via de La Plata from Seville), the Northern Way (El Camino del Norte, along the Cantabrian and Basque coasts) and the Primitive Way (El Camino Primitivo, from Oviedo). There's also a Portuguese Way. So why not a Scots Way to Santiago?" The situation now stands corrected. In this amusing record of a personal odyssey across the shoulder of Spain looking for the links between the Scots and the Spanish, Farnon mixes the Medieval with the Modern and discovers all sorts of marvels and wonders as well as a few charlatans. In this account he covers the Camino Frances to Santiago de Compostela and way back via the Camino de Fisterra and the Camino del Norte, a trip of nearly two thousand kilometres. He also finds more than a few ancient links, which means there is at last a Scots Way to Santiago de Compostela, even if it is a very singular one.