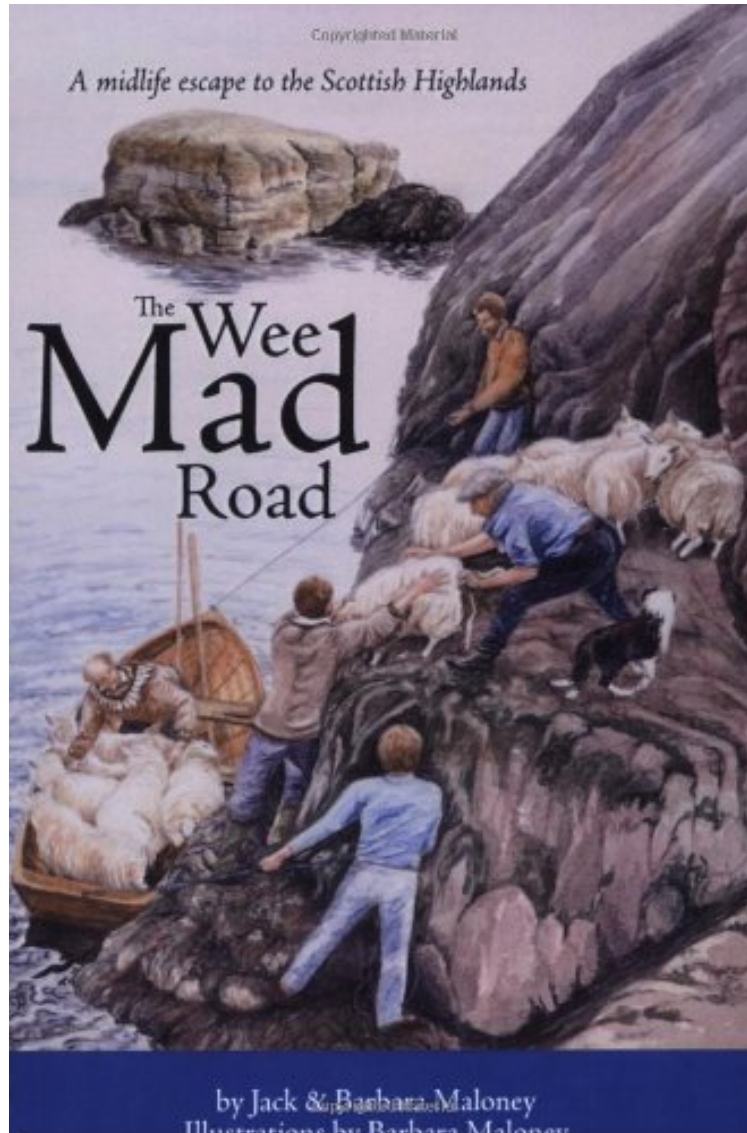


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Jack Maloney, Barbara Maloney : The Wee Mad Road: A Midlife Escape to the Scottish Highlands before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Wee Mad Road: A Midlife Escape to the Scottish Highlands:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Great Snapshot of a Beautiful PlaceBy a shopperWe traveled the Wee Mad road this summer on a 16 day trip through the Highlands with our children, though the sign proclaiming it as such is long gone. Our hosts, Midge and Peter, at the 192 BB in Polbain, had a copy of the book on the breakfast table. I read a few snippets here and there and was quite fascinated to find that Peter is in the book as a young man. We

purchased a copy on our return to the states and my husband and I both enjoyed it very much. Though the events in the book took place 30 years ago, we had visited some of the places like the local pub and found them little changed from descriptions in the book. It is a wonderful snapshot of a unique place and time. The area described is one of the most achingly beautiful places I've ever been. This one is on the keeper shelf. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Cute Book....By JP Czar This is a nice read about two Americans who stumble onto a little piece of an old Highlands way....The couple become part of the community....The book is set during their two year stay there in the 1980s (Falkland War, Margaret Thatcher....), but was published after 2000. It's worth the read for those interested in Scotland.... 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Cozy read. Even makes haggis sound appealing! By CCI love this book. The illustrations are gorgeous, and the prose is spare and lovely. I like that the book is divided into vignettes defined by the seasons, which made for light little chapters I could read before bed. Definitely a cozy experience for those who plan to travel to Scotland or even those who don't. It puts you in the mood to curl up with a wool blanket and look out over some mossy cliffs. I'm definitely going to buy a few more copies as gifts at some point for my parents, grandparents, etc.

Lovesick sheep, rumors of war, storms at sea, whisky galore - a midlife escape from an 'empty nest' in America to start afresh in the wilds of Scotland. When their children grow up and leave home, authors Jack and Barbara Maloney sell their house in a midwest suburb and run off to the Highlands. Following a one-lane track called "The Wee Mad Road," they discover an isolated remnant of traditional Gaelic culture, peopled by characters as unique and memorable as the surrounding mountains. The Maloneys settle into an old stone cottage and spend two years in repeated collisions with quaint Highland ways. Entries from Barbara's diary detail the realities of village life, while Jack recounts tales of poachers, crofters and lairds in one of mainland Britain's most scenic and isolated corners. The Wee Mad Road is a warm and witty account of two years in the Highlands, with illustrations of everyday life in the wildest reaches of the United Kingdom. It's a 'how to' book for anyone who dreams of escaping the doldrums of suburban midlife and starting over.

The Wee Mad Road is a funny, touching, insightful look at the ebb and flow of an isolated Highland fishing and crofting community, a place molded by forces of nature and tempered by its people. It is a road well worth traveling, if only from the comfort of your favorite armchair. --Neill Kennedy Ray, Scottish Life magazine, Summer 2008 If you're looking for a respite from politics and war, you can lose yourself in The Wee Mad Road...so idyllic it'll make you Highland green with envy. --Mary Ann Grossman, Saint Paul Sunday Pioneer Press, May 4, 2008 "The Wee Mad Road is kind of like Peter Mayle's A Year in Provence, with rotten weather and lots of whisky." - Bob Gilbert, Villager, May 7, 2008 "...a gloriously whimsical account of the Highland lifestyle, beautifully captured in words and illustrations -- the characters, the pub life, the ceilidhs. This is great fun." - Hamish Coghill, Scottish Life magazine, Autumn 2008 "...a two-year adventure of shearing sheep, learning folk songs and befriending locals. The whole romantic endeavor is captured in The Wee Mad Road." --Kerri Westenberg, Minneapolis Sunday Star Tribune, June 22, 2008 About the Author Jack Maloney grew up on Chicago's South Side. A Missouri J-school graduate, his career as a freelance writer has taken him to orphanages in Haiti, West African refugee camps, Middle East mosques, Asian marketplaces and islands in the South Pacific, and his work has won national and international awards. He is a dual citizen of the US and Ireland. Barbara Maloney is a native of Minneapolis. A mother of two, she graduated from the University of Minnesota and worked in a gallery specializing in Inuit and Northwest Coast tribal art. Her illustrations for The Wee Mad Road capture rare scenes of traditional Highland life. The Maloneys live near the Upper Mississippi River in Saint Paul, Minnesota.