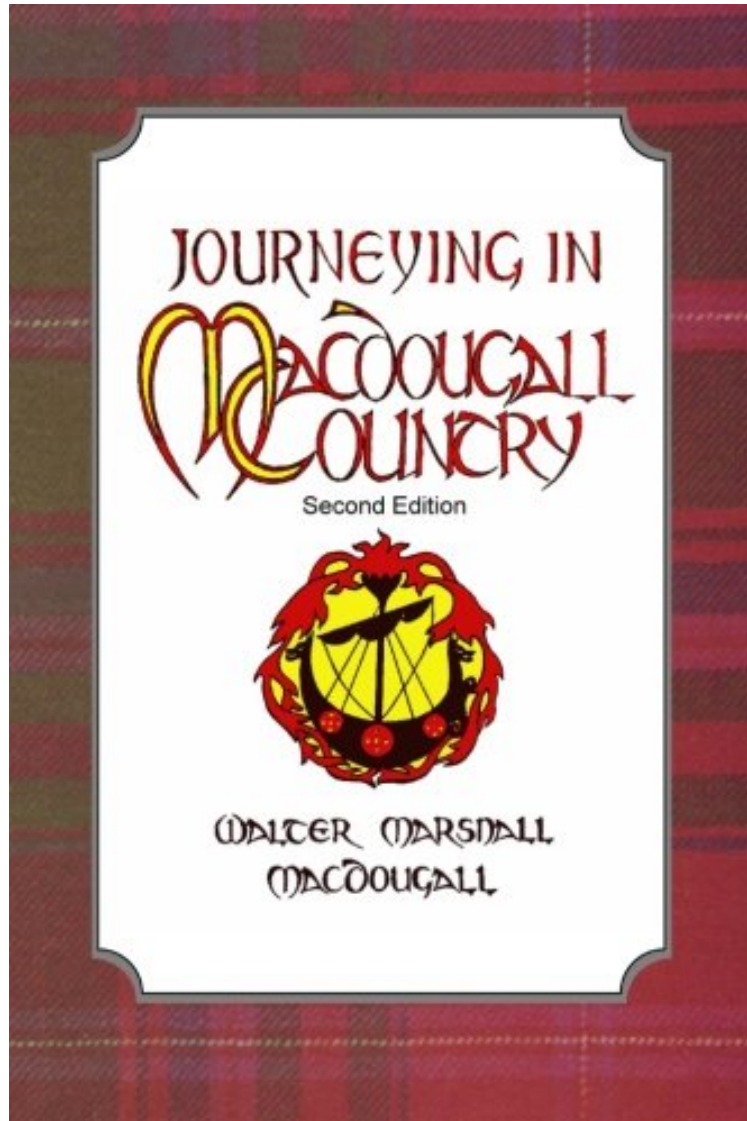


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Walter Macdougall : Journeying in MacDougall Country before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Journeying in MacDougall Country:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. For any Scot, but especially MacDougallsBy S. O. MCDUGALThis review is from Scott MacDougald in Canada:Of all our story tellers Walter Macdougall, Past President of the Clan MacDougall Society of North America, is one of our best.The old Gaelic admonition says: "Cuimhnich air na daoine o'n d' thàinig thu" - "Remember the men from whom you sprang." Accordingly, Walter

journeyed to Argyll in 1981 to visit the old clan lands in Lorn and to meet friends and clansmen. There he gathered a treasury of knowledge which he recorded in a journal. His clear and colorful prose became a very readable account of his travels in the scenic land of Lorn where the past and present intertwine in humble ruins and proud estates. The resulting book was called "Journeying in MacDougall Country". Unfortunately, since that time his book went out of print and was in danger of being lost to newer generations of readers. Now, with the assistance of a very able and dedicated editor, Suzanne O. McDougal, Walter has brought out a new edition of his book. While preserving the original material, this second edition includes new content gathered during subsequent journeys to Argyll. The book opens with the trip by train from Glasgow to Oban. It soon becomes a journey through nature as well as a very useful geography lesson. Every place has a richly descriptive Gaelic name with a story waiting to be told. Then the narrative softly transitions to the stories of how many of those rugged hills, glens, and lochs form a part of clan history. Many of these tales are illustrated with diagrams or sketches. At Dunollie Manor we meet Coline MacDougall of MacDougall, then the 30th Chief of Clan MacDougall. We hear of her family, and the old family manor house, before climbing the upward path to Dunollie Castle. Every day is a new journey as we walk with Walter along the old footpaths and learn the old names. Guided by a hundred year old map we walk the old cattle drove roads, the highways over the land of yesteryear. On the next day we sail to Iona past ancient Hebrides islands whose names ring of history - Kerrera, Mull, Lismore, Iona - those stepping stones of the high prowed galleys of our seagoing clan. On another day we sail Loch Awe. We journey in all directions. Northward to Ardchattan Priory where parliaments of Scotland were conducted in Gaelic. Later we visit Glen Etive's isolated grandeur and hear of the old Celtic tales that linger there. We travel circuitously through Southern Lorn, where bloody clan warfare flared for centuries. There the old MacDougall families of Raera, Corriellorne, Degnish and others once ruled, and some yet remain. Here lie stone circles and ancient Dunadd, the Dalriadic fort, where the kings of the Scotti were invested. We walk the isle of Kerrera as Walter describes it as it was. Picture the drovers from the now vanished ferries arriving from other isles. Visit Gylen the little gem of a castle watching the sea while guarding the drove road and its revenue. As you journey to all these places there is comfort in knowing the book contains a "Lore of Lorn" section filled with supporting notes, details, and maps. There you can search out detailed information about things such as omens, lamps, saints, septes and more. If you need to learn more about geography, or Chiefs, or flowers, or architecture, or family branches, this is where to look. Clear footnotes to the text and an extensive bibliography provide additional expert sources. Over the centuries many people have left the Highlands, but the fortunate do come back. Whether you are returning or just remembering from where you sprang, you would be well served to have this book in your hand to read, and to guide your journeys. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By PETER MC DOUGALL Perfect purchase..!!

Walk the glens and hills of the highlands with Walter Marshall Macdougall, enthusiastic tourist, investigative researcher, and spirited Highlander. With kinsfolk and friends, including the 30th Chief of Clan MacDougall, he traces the historical and cultural roads of the clan throughout the ancient territory of Somerled. After years of studying clan history and corresponding with Scottish kin, the author's dream of journeying to MacDougall Country became a reality. In *Journeying in MacDougall Country*, his journal notes and sketches are supplemented with maps, historical notes, and geographical information to form a unique illustrated travel guide for all who wish to explore this country and its people. "This beautifully written book should give tremendous pleasure to many." ~ Coline MacDougall of MacDougall, 30th Chief. "A delight in store for many and a 'must read' for MacDougall clansfolk." ~ Morag MacDougall of MacDougall, 31st Chief.