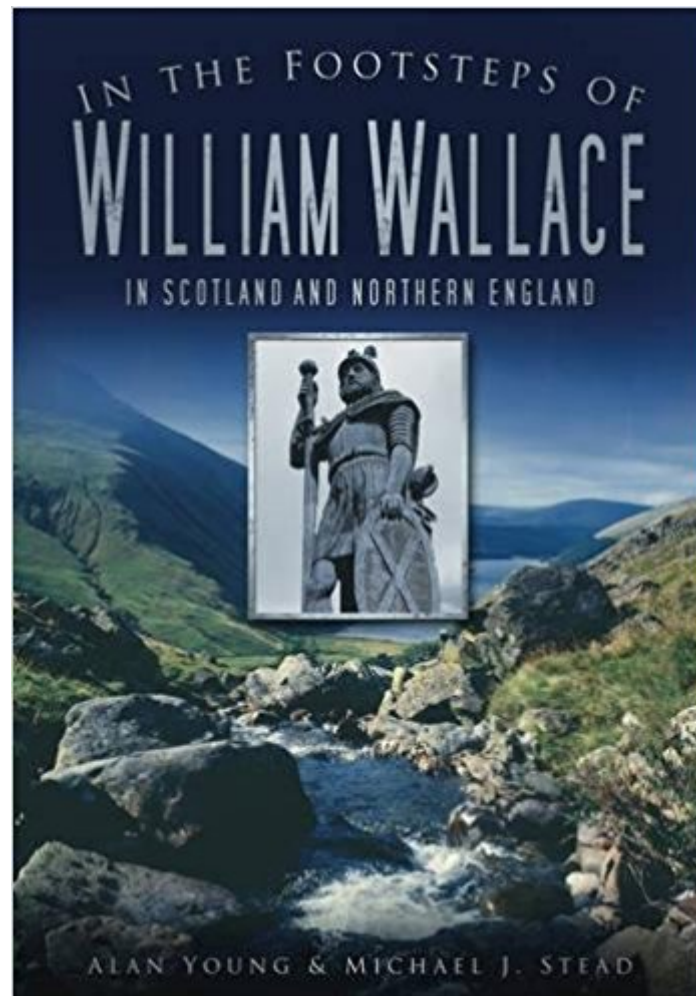




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Synopsis

A superbly illustrated journey through the landscape and events of the life of the iconic Scottish knight who was brought to life in the film *Braveheart*. For nearly 700 years debate has raged over the true nature of William Wallace and his role in Scotland's turbulent history; was he the Braveheart of Blind Harry's legendary account, the bold, but savage, hero of the Scottish wars, or, as some contemporary chroniclers attested, was he nothing but a villainous thief and vagrant fugitive? This book draws on a wide range of contemporary and modern sources to look behind the figure of legend to find Wallace's true character. It traces Wallace's journey from his modest upbringing in south-west Scotland and his first victory as a "guerilla" leader and military commander at Stirling Bridge to his painful death seven years later, including his "invasion" of Northumberland and Cumberland. This is an essential traveling companion for a journey through Wallace's kingdom and to learn more about the myth and the man.

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Customer Reviews

Alan Young and Michael J. Stead previously collaborated on *In the Footsteps of Robert Bruce*.

Mr. Young did a fine job of laying out just who William Wallace really was and what he may or may not have done. If you are a history buff you will like this. If you prefer altered states of history than pick another as this will crush everything you think you know about Wallace. I really like Mr. Young's writing style and structure. I intend on looking for other books by him.

A visual and informational feast of a book, beautifully and intelligently organized. As I'm supposed to be a direct descendant of Wallace (I have my doubts) and having seen "Braveheart" at least 10 times, I was hungry for a book of this type. And I was not disappointed. It fires your imagination as you study the pictures, especially the landscapes, thinking what it must have been like to, literally, live on the land as the outlaws had to for so long. It makes you respect Wallace and his men all the more. Next to walking the land itself, this is the next best thing.

Great book. Our son is a dedicated fan of William Wallace so when we were in Scotland recently we visited Stirling Castle and this book brought the history of a common man who became a national hero. Excellent book with great pictures.

Very interesting book on the myth and history of William Wallace. Excellent detail and research concerning the tales of the legend. The photographs throughout the book are extraordinary and stunning. An excellent addition to have along side the companion book "In the Footsteps of Robert Bruce: In Scotland, Northern England and Ireland." A must for Scottish History buffs. Well written and full of details.

Thoroughly enjoyed how the fiction of Wallace is laid out and the truth laid on top to show just how courageous the man truly was.

The combination of Alan Young's writing and Michael Stead's picture help bring to life and make Wallace more of a tangible person in my mind's eye. Mr. Young's biography is a nice and balanced presentation of the facts of a man with enormous strengths and some faults. I have seen the movie Braveheart and read many of the other books which make Wallace an almost unbelievable hero. This book brings balance to the history and tells of a passionate patriot dedicated to his life's end to his country and its people. This presentation makes him more of a real man and real hero to me. Wallace did his best as he got caught among the church and the Noble families' power plays. The Stewarts, Bruces and Comyns all support themselves, family interests and lands many times before their country. But not Wallace. He had nothing to lose but his life and a Nation to gain, for which he paid the ultimate price. He went from outlaw, to Knight to Guardian of Scotland to outlaw and finally wrongly executed by Edward I. Wallace is a true Martyr and patriot. This book is a fine balanced historical tribute to William Wallace.

There have been many books written on William Wallace and all provide a look into the history of Scotland's greatest hero. In the back of my mind I have often tried to imagine a picture with those written words and now the reader can get that "In the Footsteps of William Wallace". Each part of the life of William Wallace and the history of the "Wars of Independence" are described and images are provided in related photographs and maps...a most excellent book for those with an interest in this great hero!!

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