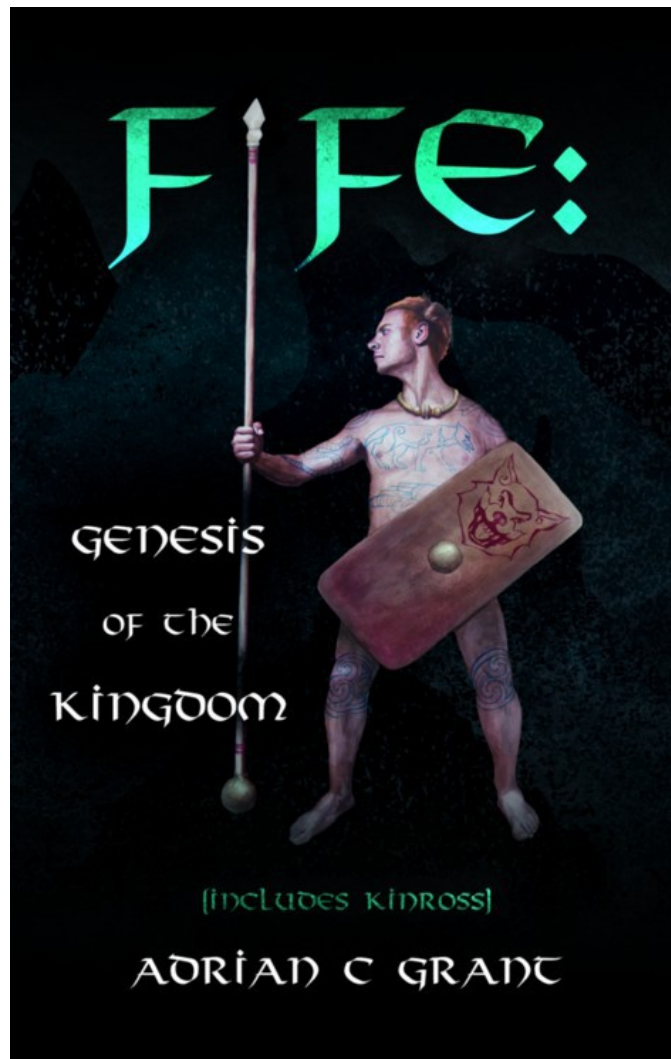


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Synopsis

My new book “**Fife: Genesis of the Kingdom**” traces the history of Fife from the retreat of the ice cap to the formation of the “Kingdom of Fife” in 1130 - with appendices including the explanation of how it all came to an end such a short time later. There are many items included in this book which are entirely new to scholarship.

c83 000 words of text
21 images on colour plates
40+ other illustrations

- For the very first time the name of **Fife** is fully explained.
- The fabrication of the myth of “**Macduff**” is explained fully for the first time.
- Previously no-one has been able to explain the occurrence of **Old Norse** place names in Fife.
- New extra evidence is brought proving the legend that the Caledonians came from **Transylvania**.
- New – **and this time correct** – explanations of several placenames are offered and detailed.
- And so much more.....

Fife: Genesis of the Kingdom: Chapters

- 01. In the Beginning:** Chapter 1 discusses the arrival of peoples after the retreat of the ice: the Stone Age peoples followed by the Beaker Folk, the Cymry, the Caledonians and Maeatae and lastly the Falcons from whom the name of Fife ultimately derives.
- 02. Along came the Romans:** Chapter 2 discusses the relevance to and involvement of Fife of the three Roman invasions of Scotland, disposing of some fake history in the process
- 03. How the Caledonians re-conquered 'Fife':** Chapter 3 uses the evidence of the location and orientation of hill forts in Fife to tell the story of how the Caledonians took back Kinross and north and central Fife from the Falcons and the time scale involved
- 04. Managing Caledonian 'Fife':** Chapter 4 looks at the control network used by the Caledonians as they asserted their control of their newly reacquired territory, including a detailed examination of Kirkcaldy which they founded about 1800 years ago.
- 05. The Foundation of Pictland:** Chapter 5 briefly outlines the foundation of Pictland and Fife's place within it.
- 06. Arthur Attacks Abernethy:** Chapter 6 again briefly records that one of 'king' Arthur's famous 12 battles - at 'The City of the Legion' took place in Fife close to Abernethy.
- 07. Christianity arrives in 'Fife':** Chapter 7 explains with a detail never before offered exactly how Christianity arrived in Fife courtesy of St Kenneth of Aghaboe and St Raguel of Mucinis (aka "St Rule".
- 08. "The Battle of Raith":** Chapter 8 exposes the so-called "Battle of Raith" as fake history, showing exactly how the idea came about, where the fatal flaws in the proposition lay and why the idea spread as widely as it did.
- 09. Along came the Angles:** Chapter 9 explains where the Angles came from and hence why they were so called and corrects much misunderstanding of their arrival in Britain. In particular it considers the relationship of the Anglian hierarchy to Fife which they occupied for some 45 years in the middle 600s and the result for Fife of their expulsion in 685.
- 10. St Serf and the Romanisation of Christianity:** Chapter 10 explains where St Serf came from and why - his key role in Catholicising Pictland, especially the southern half of Fife - and shows that any claimed connection with St Kentigern is untrue because it is impossible. It also sets out the correct etymology- and hence meaning - of "Fothriff".
- 11. How the Bones of St Andrew came to 'Fife':** Chapter 10 explains exactly how the 'Bones of St Andrew' came to St Andrews, locates 'Mucros', showing exactly how and why "St Regulus" was invented by the Catholic Church for scurrilous purposes.
- 12. Along came the Scots:** Chapter 12 explains how Kenneth mac Alpin's genocide of the Pictish ruling classes affected Fife and the way in which a new rulers comprising both Scots and Irish was imposed on us and corrupting the name of Fife in the process.
- 13. Enter the Vikings:** Chapter 13 explains how Viking influence over nearly 100 years led to several Norse placenames being given to North East Fife in particular and led to a separate identity for that area. It also explains why King Malcolm II murdered the Mormaer of Fife - leaving us with no history of his lineage.
- 14. Macbeth and the Thane of 'Fife':** Chapter 14 explains that there was a Thane of Fife, but that he was not called Macduff. The true story and the Thane's pedigree etc, is set out in detail (but why the later myth was invented is explained in Appendix B). This chapter shows the crucial role of the MS history and family lore of the Balfour family in correcting history.

15. 'Fife' becomes a Kingdom: Chapter 15 corrects the falsehoods perpetrated to justify the usurpation of the Scottish throne by the junior mac Malcolms to put the Moray risings in their true context leading ultimately to the creation of the "Kingdom" of Fife.

Appendices

A. Dunfermline Abbey: Here the so-called Foundation Charter is exposed definitively as a fake - and the reasons for and date of the faking are set out. The relationship with the Culdees is discussed.

B. Fabricating the MacDuff Myth: A specific date for the promulgation of the "Macduff" myth is offered based on an explanation of how it became "necessary" for the Earls. The short term upshot too is explained.

C. The End of the Kingdom and the Earldom: Here the "official" end of the kingdom is set out; it was followed not very long afterwards by the end of the Earldom itself.

D. Another name change for "Fife": Here is noted the further corruption of Fife's name including Gaelic speakers not even understanding their own language!

E. Pedigree of the Earls of 'Fife': This appendix is made necessary both by the amount of misinformation floating around the internet and other supposedly more reliable sources, but also to put into their proper context cadet branches including the families of Abernethy, Wemyss, Duff of Braco and Macintosh and their own cadets.

Epilogue, Acknowledgements, Bibliography, Indexes

Looking Forward... **Get Ready!**

This book is particularly timely just now because of the several centenaries which will be soon upon us:

- 2025** marks 600 years since the end of the Earldom of Fife
- 2026** marks approximately 600 years since the establishment of Kinross as a county separate from Fife.

A the triple centenary occurs in **2030**:

- 1800 years** since the Caledonian annexation
- 1000 years** since the installation of Siward as Thane of Fife
- 900 years** since the establishment of the Earldom/kingdom of Fife

The author hopes that relevant authorities will take full advantage of these coincidences to celebrate the ancient heritage of Fife and Kinross.

Time Line

Time Frame	Event
BCE	
c6 300	Final retreat of ice-cap from Fife: people can move back in! Arrival of Mesolithic peoples
c4 000	Arrival of Neolithic peoples: Balfarg Henge built thereafter
c2 500	Arrival of Beaker people
c1 000 x 650	Arrival of Cymru
c600 x 350	Arrival of Caledonians in northern Fife (including Kinross) and Maeatae in southern Fife
c200	Arrival of Falcon Tribe which displaces Caledonians in north Fife and Kinross
c100	Arrival of Menapians who briefly rule the lands of the Maeatae

Time Frame	Event
CE	
78 x 82	Roman invasion of Scotland I under Agricola - Fife not involved
200 x 204	Roman invasion of Scotland II under Severus: Carpow a major base
205 x 220	Caledonians re-conquer north Fife Abernethy becomes administrative HQ
c225x30	Foundation of Caer y Caledy: Kirkcaldy
c300	Fife incorporated into new federal Kingdom of the Picts
302 x 304	Roman invasion of Scotland III under Emperor Constantius - no details available
c507	Battle of the City of the Legion: 'king' Arthur defeats Picts at Abernethy
580 x 600	St Raguel ("St Rule") establishes a church at St Andrews and a Culdee hermitage at Dysart
c600	King Nechtan establishes nunnery at Abernethy
640	King Oswy of Northumbria brings Fife &c. under his rule
685	Picts drive Northumbrians south of the Forth, Fife expanded to include Dunfermline area. Administrative centre moved to Cupar, Kennoway and Dunfermline
695	Arrival of St Serf: Catholicism spreads through Fife
717	Columban clergy expelled from Pictland
732	St Acca brings the bones of St Andrew to St Andrews
850	Kenneth Mac Alpine conquers Pictland, kills all the nobles in Fife. Member of the Cenel Angus imposed as Mormaer of Fife Columban Christianity reintroduced Fothriff, including Culross, re-allocated to the Culdees People have to learn Gaelic and largely forget Pictish
850x65	Foundation of Old Kirk in Kirkcaldy dedicated to St Patrick
900	Catholic clergy largely expelled from Pictland including Fife
c1025	Mormaer of Fife seeks Canute's protection from King Malcolm II
c1029	Battle of Falkland Muir - Mormaer of Fife and others killed
1030	Siward, brother-in-law of King Duncan I, appointed Thane of Fife
1045	Macbeth's men kill Siward's family at Kennoway but he escapes
1054	Thane Siward killed in battle helping Malcolm III to reconquer SE Scotland Osulf mac Siward appointed Thane
1068	King Malcolm III and Margaret Atheling married at Dunfermline
1072	Norman King William I meets King Malcolm III at Abernethy, forcing Malcolm to become his vassal.
1075	Foundation of All Saints (Catholic church) in Dunfermline to replace St Patrick's (Columban church)
c1076	Aethelred son of Malcolm III appointed Mormaer of Fife aged about 5.
1085	Aethelred leaves Fife to become Mormaer of Moray. Members of the family of the Mormaer of Angus fill in as locum mormaers
1124	All Saints church, Dunfermline, becomes an Abbey
1130	End of the Moray Risings: Duncan I appointed first Earl of Fife FIFE BECOMES A 'KINGDOM'
1270	Prince Alexander (son of Alexander III) appointed Earl of Fife until Earl Duncan III comes of age: Fife as a "kingdom" exposed as a myth.
1286	King Alexander III dies at Pettycur by falling off his horse Earl Duncan III appointed a Guardian of Scotland MACDUFF MYTH CREATED by Earl Duncan III and his uncle Macduff.
1288	Earl Duncan III murdered by Sir William de Abernethy
1298	Macduff killed at the Battle of Falkirk (fighting on the Scots' side)
1306	Edward I burns Dunfermline Abbey - foundation charter destroyed New 'Foundation Charter' faked.
1315	Earl Duncan IV resigns his earldom to King Robert Bruce for a regnant END OF THE KINGDOM OF FIFE
1371	Countess Isabella resigns earldom. Earldom reassigned to Duke of Albany.
1389	Death of the Countess Isabella of Fife - end of the main line of the Earls. Wemyss family now the senior line of the family.
1425	Murdoch Albany forfeits his lands END OF THE EARLDOM OF FIFE
1426	Establishment of Kinrossshire as a separate entity.