

Daughters of the North

Jean Gordon and Mary, Queen of Scots

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ABOUT THIS BOOK

Mary, Queen of Scots' marriage to the Earl of Bothwell is notorious. Less known is Bothwell's first wife, Jean Gordon, who extricated herself from their marriage and survived the intrigue of the Queen's court. *Daughters of the North* reframes this turbulent period in history by focusing on Jean, who became Countess of Sutherland, following her from her birth as the daughter of the 'King of the North' to her disastrous union with the notorious Earl of Bothwell – and her lasting legacy to the Earldom of Sutherland.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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KEY SELLING POINTS

- A richly researched and fascinating biography of a powerful woman in Scottish history
- Reframes the history surrounding Mary, Queen of Scots' reign by shifting focus to the north of Scotland

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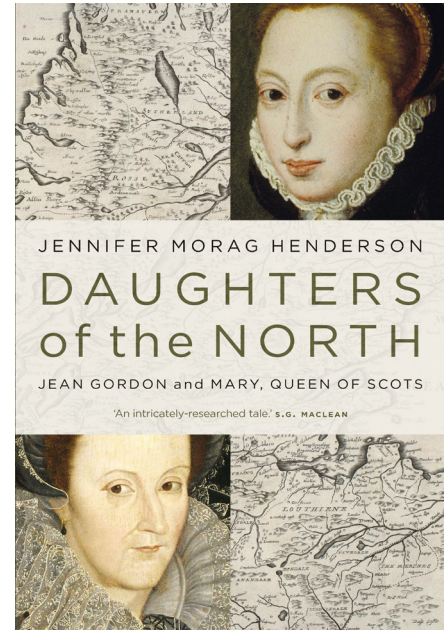
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'In this richly woven tapestry, Henderson shows us the workings of the sophisticated and brutal power play which underpinned lives both privileged and precarious - and probably still does.'

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'This fascinating tale gives an intriguing insight into how resourceful women in 16th century Scotland had to be in order to survive. Jean Gordon was no exception and her story is beautifully told in this absorbing book.'

Sue Lawrence



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