

# MARRAM

## MEMORIES OF SEA AND SPIDER SILK

### LEONIE CHARLTON

*I wondered if I'd be better off without her.  
Then she died and I fell apart.*

## ABOUT THIS BOOK

From the southern tip of Barra to the ancient stone circle of Callanish, Leonie and her friend Shuna ride off the beaten track on their beloved Highland ponies, Ross and Chief. In deeply poetic prose, she not only describes the beauties of the Hebridean landscape, its spare, penetrating light and its people, but also confronts the ghost of her mother and their fractured relationship.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Leonie Charlton travelled extensively as a child, living in England, Africa, Wales and Scotland. She has worked as a cowgirl in Australia, an English teacher in Japan, and her degree in Hispanic Studies took her to Catalonia for two years. *Marram* is her first full length book although her fiction and poetry have appeared widely in magazines.

## PRAISE FOR MARRAM

'Beautiful, meditative memoir.'

*Sunday Express*

'Mesmerising.'

*The Herald*

'Poetic.'

*Scottish Field*

'An evocative look at a mother-daughter relationship, with a Hebridean backdrop.'

*The Simple Things*

'[Charlton has] an affectionate eye for the smallest detail and an indulgent ear for the softest lament.'

*John Keay, author and presenter*

'A gem of a book.'

*Alastair McIntosh, author of Poacher's Pilgrimage*

'What a joy *Marram* is! A beautiful and evocative piece of writing.'

*Karen Matheson, singer with Capercaillie*

'You don't have to like ponies or wild islands to enjoy reading *Marram*, but for those who do, this book will become a special treasure.'

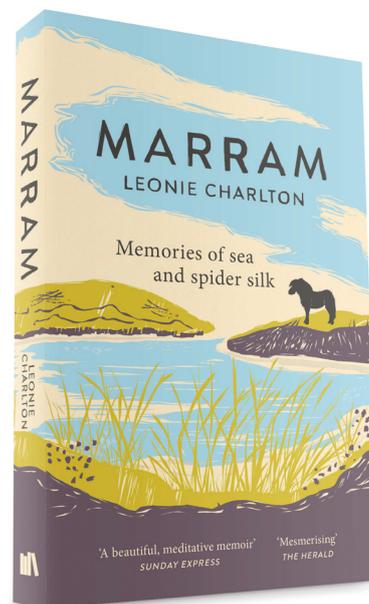
*Juliet Blaxland, author of The Easternmost House*

'A huge sense of accomplishment radiates from the final pages, filling the reader with affection for the writer, for what she has endured, and the things she has learned along the way.'

*On: Yorkshire Magazine*



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