OUR LITERARY LANDSCAPE

WRITERS' BIRTHPLACES

1 **Thomas Blacklock** (b.1721) Annan
2 **William Mickle** (b.1734) Langholm
3 **Benjamin Bell** (b.1749) Dumfries
4 **James Currie** (b. 1756) Dumfries
5 **Janet Little** The Scotch Milkmaid (b.1759) Ecclefechan
6 **John Mayne** (b.1759) Dumfries
7 **Alexander Murray** (b.1775) Kirkcudbright
8 **Charles Kilpatrick Sharpe** (b.1781) Ecclefechan
9 **William Nicholson** 'The Bard of Galloway' (b.1782) Borgue
10 **Allan Cunningham** (b.1784) Keir
11 **Susannah Hawkins** (b.1787) Ecclefechan
12 **Hugh Clapperton** (b.1788) Annan
13 **John MacTaggart** (b.1791) Borgue
14 **William Beattie** (b.1793) Dalton, Lockerbie
15 **Thomas Carlyle** (b.1795) Ecclefechan
16 **Henry Scott Riddell** (b.1798) Sorbie
17 **James Hyslop** (b.1798) Kirkconnel
18 **William M'Dowall** (b.1815) Maxwelltown
19 **Robert De Brus Trotter** (b.1833) Dalbeattie
20 **Joseph Heughan** (b.1837) Auchencairn
21 **Alexander Anderson** (b.1845) Kirkconnel
22 **James King Hewison** (b.1853) Thornhill
23 **Samuel Rutherford Crockett** (b.1859) Balmaghie
24 **Joseph Laing Waugh** (b.1868) Thornhill
25 **RW MacKenna** (b.1874) Dumfries
26 **Hugh MacDiarmid** (b.1892) Langholm
27 **Dorothy Paulin** (b.1904) Dunscore
28 **Kirkpatrick Dobie** (b.1908) Dumfries
29 **Gavin Maxwell** (b.1914) Elrig
30 **Alastair Reid** (b.1926) Whithorn
31 **Alison Fell** (b.1944) Dumfries
32 **Jim MacGonigal** (b.1947) Dumfries
33 **Hugh McMillan** (b.1955) Penpont
34 **Shaun Bythell** (b.1970) Wigtown
35 **Sam Heughan** (b.1980) Balmaclellan
36 **Patrick Laurie** (b. unknown) Dalbeattie

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MELROSE
Robert the Bruce's heart buried in Melrose Abbey

Abbotsford: Home of Sir Walter Scott

James Hogg and Sir Walter Scott met here at Tibbie Shiel's Inn

ST MARY'S LOCH
Tibbie Sheil's Inn, St Mary's Loch–legendary meeting place and destination of some of Scotland's greats, Hogg, Scott, Stevenson etc

KIRKCONNEL

WANLOCKHEAD
Scotland's highest village

SANQUHAR
Scotland's oldest post office (and maybe where Burns posted Ae Fond Kiss to Clarinda)

MOFFAT
Europe's first dark sky town and one of Scotland's highest waterfalls (Grey Mare's Tail)

ESKDALEMUIR
Buddhist Temple and Sanctuary

Ellisland Farm: Robert Burns lived here in later life and rests in a mausoleum in Dumfries

Hugh MacDiarmid born and educated

LANGHOLM

MONIAIVE
The subject of paintings by Christian Jane Fergusson, one of the Glasgow Girls

AULDGIRTH

Moat Brae House: JM Barrie's Neverland inspiration

DUMFRIES
Scotland's only triangular-shaped castle (Caerlaverock)
Bruce first proclaimed himself king here

Thomas Carlyle birthplace and burial site

ECCLEFECHAN

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle coined 'The Devil's Porridge' statement

GRETNA GREEN
Marriage capital of UK

ANNAN
Riding of the Marches for almost 700 years

Bram Stoker's setting of *Lady Athylene*

GALLOWAY FOREST PARK

BALMACLELLAN

Samuel Rutherford Crockett burial site

GLENLAIR
Home of Sir James Clark Maxwell, Scotland's Einstein

CROSSMICHAEL
One of Scotland's smallest libraries 'The Wee Book Hoose'

CASTLE DOUGLAS
Scotland's Food Town

BALMAGHIE

RUTHWELL
Ancient Northumbrian Cross

Edgar Allan Poe's 1815 holiday on the banks of the river Cree

Rhins of Galloway: Robert Louis Stevenson *Kidnapped* and *Treasure Island* inspiration

John McNeillie's *Wigtown Ploughman* leads to housing reform

NEWTON STEWART

Dorothy L Sayers frequented the Ship Inn

GATEHOUSE OF FLEET

TRUSTY'S HILL
Rare Pictish carvings to be found in the south of Scotland

ANWOTH
Scotland's oldest football pitch

PALNACKIE
Flounder tramping takes place

CARSTHORN
Major emigration port. In 1820 20,000 people left for Canada, America and Australia 'for bread'

STRANRAER
Scotland's last wild oyster bed and home of Stranraer oyster festival

GLENLUCE
Where the wizard Michael Scott had his library

WIGTOWN
Welcome to Scotland's National Book Town

KIRKCUDBRIGHT
Scotland's Artist Town

AUCHENCAIRN

John Keats 1818 tour breakfast stop

PORTPATRICK
Place of secret D-Day meetings between Churchill and Eisenhower

Gavin Maxwell's Mijbil otter statue

MONREITH

GARLIESTON
WW2 Mulberry Harbours

WHITHORN
Scotland's smallest theatre

Alastair Reid birthplace 'I knew it as Eden'

T.E. Lawrence's early childhood

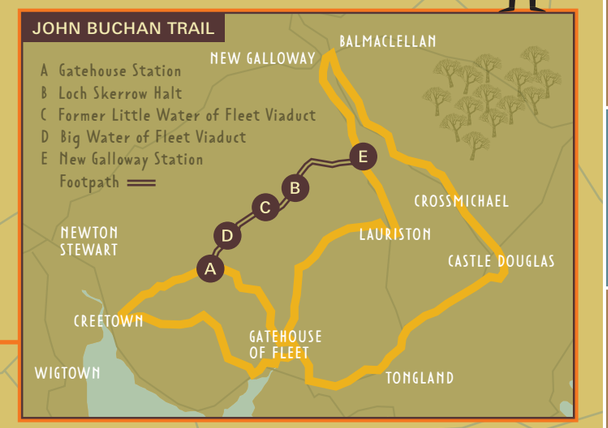
Follow real life inspirational locations of character Richard Hannay's route in *The 39 Steps* by John Buchan

Corsewell Lighthouse and Mull of Galloway Lighthouse both built by Robert Louis Stevenson's grandfather

MULL OF GALLOWAY
Scotland's most southerly point

JOHN BUCHAN TRAIL

A Gatehouse Station
B Loch Skerrow Halt
C Former Little Water of Fleet Viaduct
D Big Water of Fleet Viaduct
E New Galloway Station
Footpath



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