

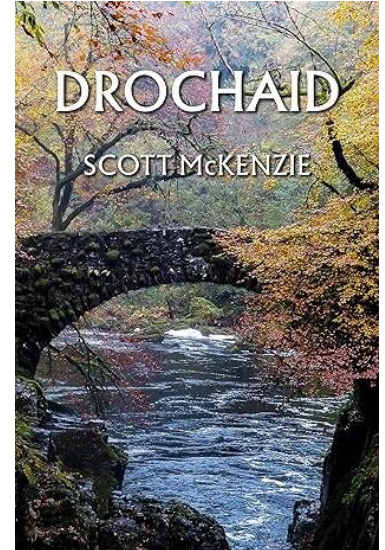
# Drochaid (2023)

## Scott McKenzie (leaving year 1970)

### Publisher's summary and Author CV

Four university friends visit Jerusalem and return home sharing a secret which will change their lives and those under their influence. After his father's death, and before taking up his own place at university in Edinburgh, the son of one of the four finds himself at the centre of a dangerous quest. Evil swirls around him as he encounters a mystical ferryman with superhuman strength, a strikingly beautiful girl who befriends him, his father's contemporaries who he meets for the first time, and a professional assassin employed by one of them to kill him. In a race against time, and in his naivety unable clearly to distinguish between friend and foe, he receives his father's sole legacy, a box apparently only containing a candle. The quest takes him to Jerusalem and Southern France; to Whitby, the Hebrides, Walsingham and the Norfolk salt marshes. 'Something almost lost to the world remains'.

Scott McKenzie, born in Stirling and educated at the Royal High School, Edinburgh where his life-long love of literature was kindled, joined the school's Pipe Band and Literary Society. He acted in a dramatization of Huxley's *The Devils of Loudun* at the Edinburgh Fringe. A career in the Civil Service took him to London and Westminster where he drafted numerous Bills for ministers. In *Drochaid* there is much evidence of his Scottish roots and upbringing.



### Scott's biography

"I joined the RHS after the 11+ and left in 1970. Highlights for me were membership of the pipe band, participating in many trips, piping at weddings and winning the 'best for our age' shield at the Highland games. I have enjoyable memories from the school's classics department, headed up by Fred Scott at the time. French, History and Art Appreciation were also high on the list together with English with its mock elections which left the legacy of a love of literature. I remember one memorable Latin lesson and a request from the then master to translate the following sentence "I am not paid enough to repair this Jensen so I shall have to sell it".

Scott left Edinburgh in 1971 and moved to England; married to Helen for 36 years and they have one son, Alasdair who by sheer coincidence has returned to live in Edinburgh.

### Photo Album



Scott in the 1966-67 RHS Pipe Band



Scott at leisure - 2023



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