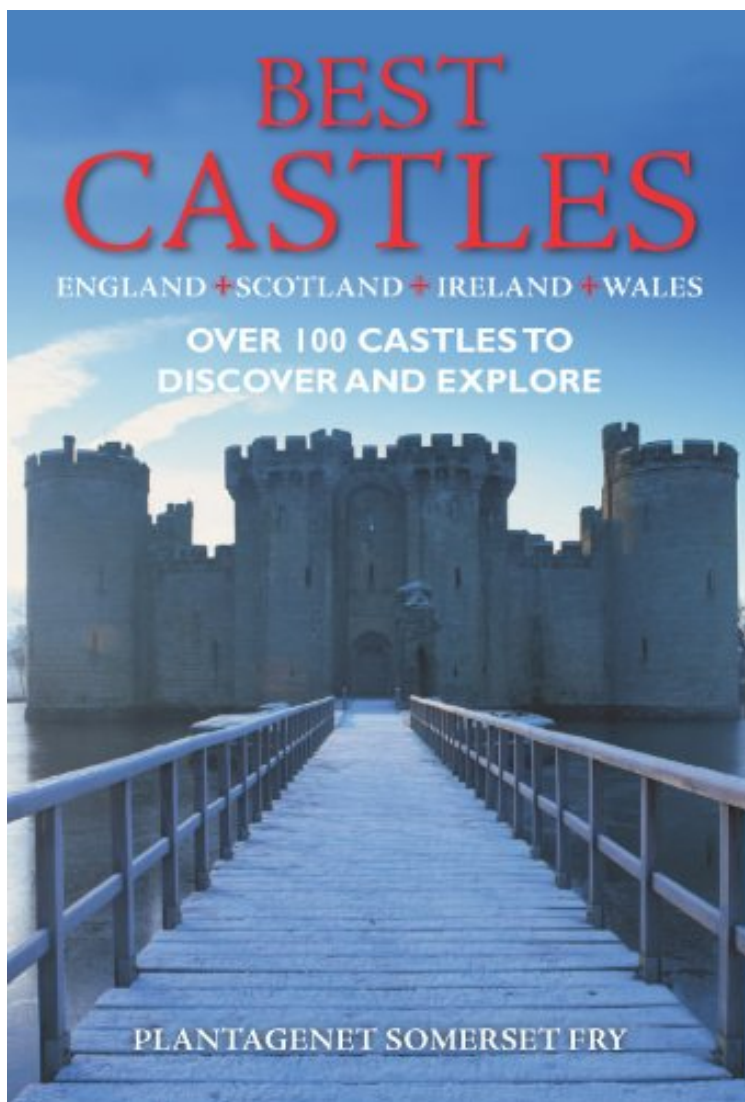


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and more. With the inclusion of lots of pictures I can get a real sense of which castles I want to visit. In one sense the book kind of reminds me of a tag cloud where the more popular words are bigger than the others. And this is what this book does in a sense. The more popular, better preserved castles like Alnwick which is featured in the Harry Potter movies has two pages of information. While some of the smaller ruins will only have a paragraph. The book starts out with a 20 page introduction that gives some nice information about castles, a timeline over the centuries, how they were built and what the different types are. It also has a nice map that is broken down by counties which helps me figure out where the various ones are. For just about every castle in the book they give you background information, structural info, telephone number, website, and location. If you are a castle fan this is a great reference, and if you plan on visiting castles this is an excellent way to help you figure out which ones you will see. Wish i could see them all.

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Very Little Information; A Shallow Attempt At The Subject

By Andy63

I have quite a few books on British castles, and this book is by quite a wide margin, the least useful. The book makes a shallow attempt to cover 100 castles in its small format. We are left with maybe a couple paragraphs and a miniscule picture for each. Glamis and Fyvie, for example, are undoubtedly two of the most splendid architectural marvels in all of Britian, yet are covered in the space of one small page (and I mean small, the page size is approximately 5 x 7 inches). Another example of this book inadequacies, is the picture of Fyvie. A magnificent example of French Baronial architecture, this photo is about one inch by two inches, and there isn't even a picture of arguably the most popular and splendid castle in all of Britian, if not the world, Glamis! How on earth one can write a book of the subject and not include at least one photo of Glamis is mind boggling. Also, every single photo is an exterior view; not one, single interior photo. I guess the photos (one inch by two inches no doubt) of the interiors of the castles could be another book? Give me a break. This book is a joke. Pass on this lame attempt and find a real book on the subject...

This is the ultimate book for days out with the family, visiting Britain and Ireland's greatest architectural and historical treasures. Many of the castles featured offer a wealth of things to see and do, from their beautiful settings and manicured gardens, to museum collections and re-enactment events. Not only does the book give you essential information for visiting the castles, but it also provides background information on the roles castles played and other interesting facts to make your visit more enjoyable. This book is beautifully illustrated with photographs of the castles.