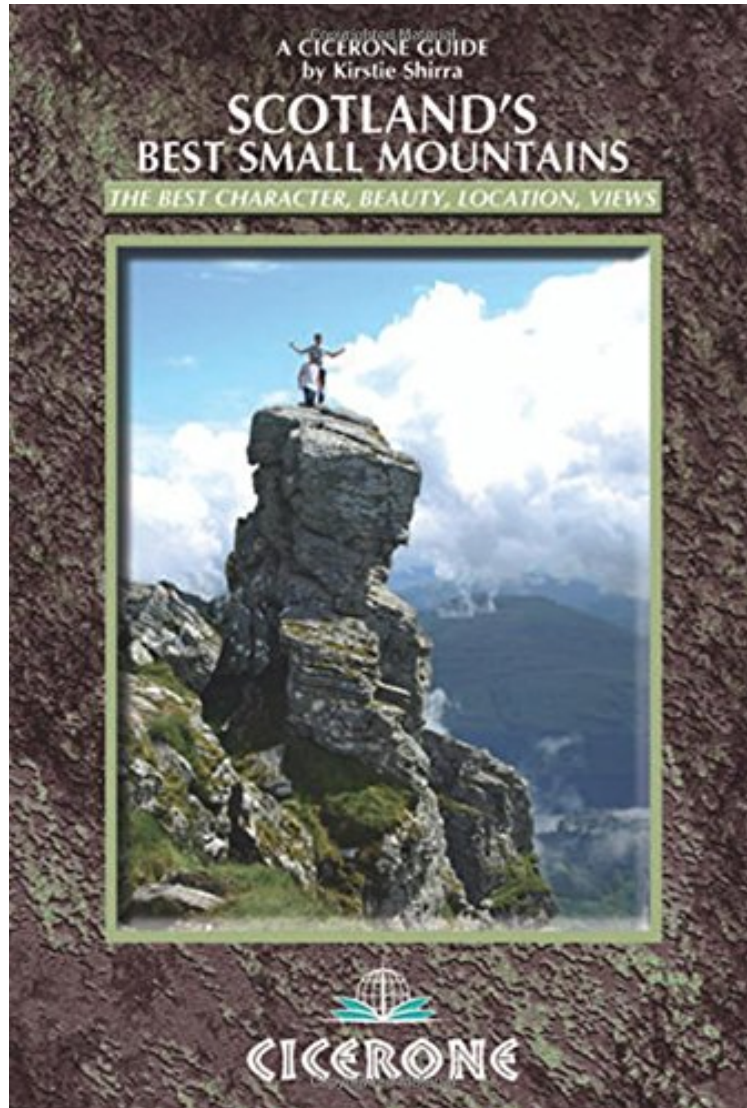


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**Kirstie Shirra : Scotland's Best Small Mountains (Cicerone Guides)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Scotland's Best Small Mountains (Cicerone Guides):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Handy Hill Walkers GuideBy applewoodI recently had the pleasure of using this little guide to the smaller mountains of Scotland (the ones smaller than the "Munros" which are the country's 284 peaks greater than 3000' elevation), and found it accurate and easy to use. It is part of a series of literally dozens of guides that Cicerone publishes for the specific outdoor activities and regions of the UK. I liked the fact it covered all the areas I was wanting to visit, and did so by selecting only 40 choice routes. (The book is organized by

regions, with an overview map of the routes covered in each, then a more detailed description of each walk including a close up topo and photos.) This book helps with providing a quality introduction to a given region, often via not the most famous or popular walk. We did 2 of the walks covered (#'s 11 21), and found the descriptions accurate, and the routes outstanding. Once we were on an established route we could then spot others nearby that we wanted to do next, sometimes these were Munros, sometimes not, and most often all you need in Scotland for an adventurous walk is a topo map (there is a wonderful walker-friendly national policy of "right to roam" which allows anyone to go anywhere as long as you respect other's privacy, and the open topography makes route finding, at least in clear weather, pretty simple). Also local advice is a great way to find quality walks, but this book was helpful in providing a knowledgeable starting point and reference. Initially it was a little hard to use the guide as Scottish mountains are often named in Gaelic which is so foreign to this English speaker that it was hard to remember, let alone pronounce the words. It would have helped to have a single map at the beginning that shows all the routes covered. Instead the book ends with a table of all 40 routes, the pages they are found, and a brief description of quality, length and time involved. This is a most helpful reference. What we ended up doing was just skimming through the guide looking for attractive photos and descriptions, then planning our itinerary around those regions. Finally, besides being well conceived, organized and written, this book also is the perfect size for walking - small enough to slip into a hip pocket, and covered in a weather resistant jacket. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. the trail descriptions were ok but we found it difficult ...By Robert B Brodie the trail descriptions were ok but we found it difficult to find to locate the mountains as there were no maps. if you weren't from the UK you didn't know the local names.

Many of Scotland's finest mountains are neglected by walkers, purely because they lack a few feet in height. The aim of this new guidebook is to champion the best of them, selected for character, location, views, historical significance, technical difficulty or simply beauty. From the surreal and striking landscape of The Storr in Skye to the imposing and technical ridges of Beinn Dearg Mor in the northwest, this guide is an antidote to Munro-bagging. This book covers eight of Scotland's most scenic areas, from the Sutherland and the far north to the Borders. Suitable for a wide range of abilities, there are great small mountains to explore. The 40 ascents described are mainly circular with optional variations also suggested to give you the flexibility to extend or short cut as you wish, and all are illustrated with color photographs and OS mapping.

About the Author Kirstie Shirra is a freelance writer and environmental campaigner. Climbing mountains since she could walk, she has traveled throughout Europe and the Americas but always ends up back in the wonderful mountains of northwest Scotland where she now lives.