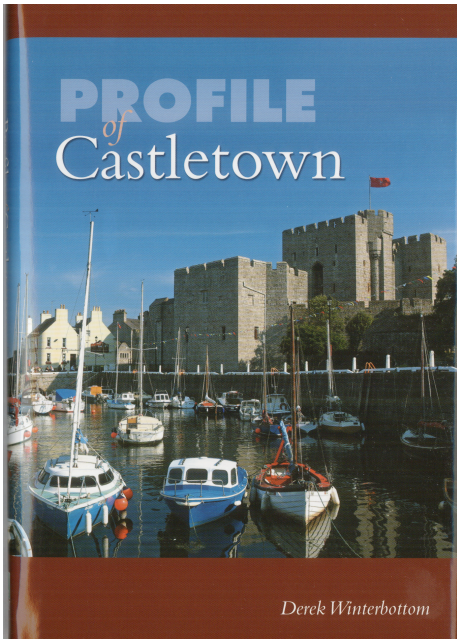
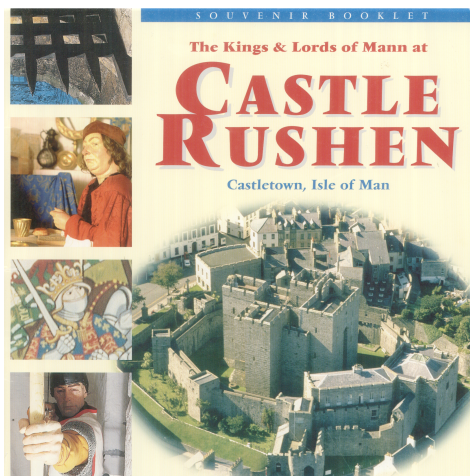


If you would like to read more about the various aspects of Manx history connected with the castles and forts, then the following list of books might be useful.



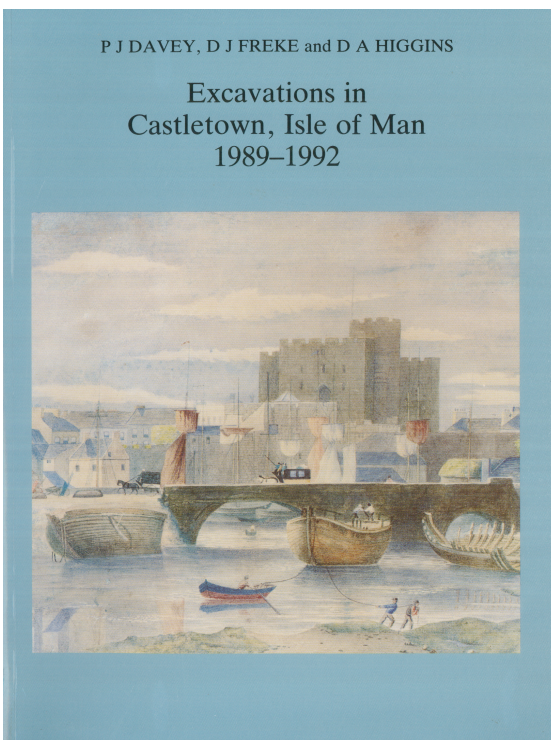
Astonishingly, no one has ever written the definitive history of Castle Rushen. However, in his book *Profile of Castletown*, historian Derek Winterbottom gets as close as anyone to unravelling the story of this great fortress. Set in the context of the development of the town, the castle and its history is featured in several of the chapters.

Lily Publications, 2010.



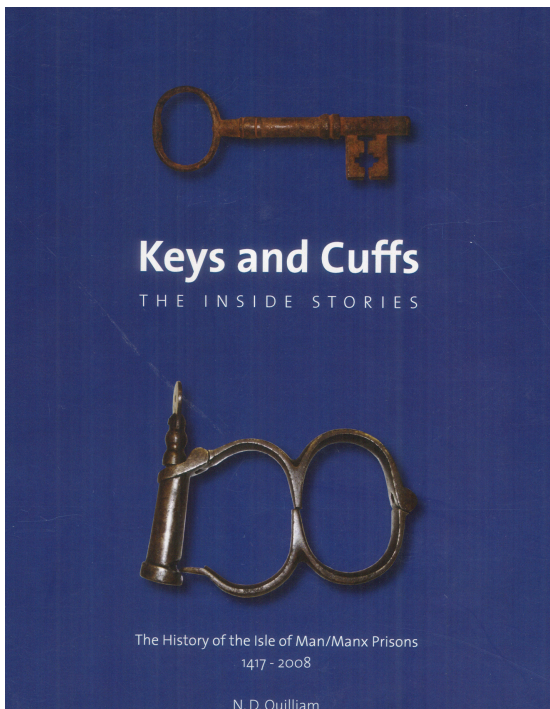
This is the official guide to Castle Rushen as published by Manx National Heritage. Although a colourful book, it mainly features the displays in the various rooms with the minimum of information.

Available from Manx National Heritage



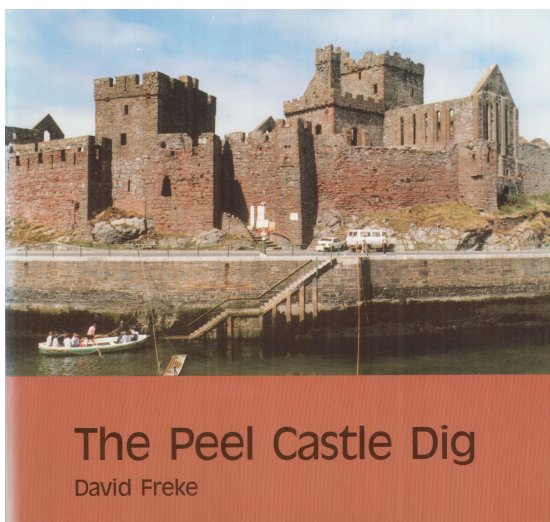
For those interested in a more detailed account of certain aspects of Castletown and the castle, then this book is the official write-up of the digs that took place between 1989 and 1992.

Liverpool University, 1996.



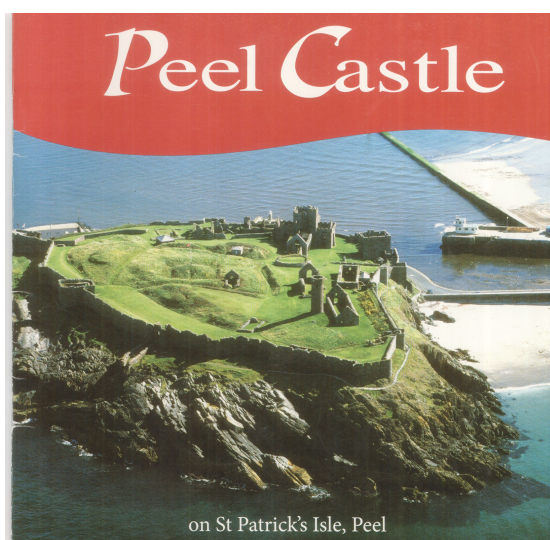
*Keys and Cuffs* is a history of Manx prisons between 1417-2008, and features many stories about Castle Rushen's use as a gaol.

N D Quilliam 2009



*The Peel Castle Dig* is written by David Freke, who led the dig at the castle in the 1980s. As well as being a brilliant archaeologist, David has a rare gift of being able to communicate the complexities of such an important project in an effortless way, and you'll learn more about the Isle of Man and the extraordinary story of Peel Castle from this book than from any other.

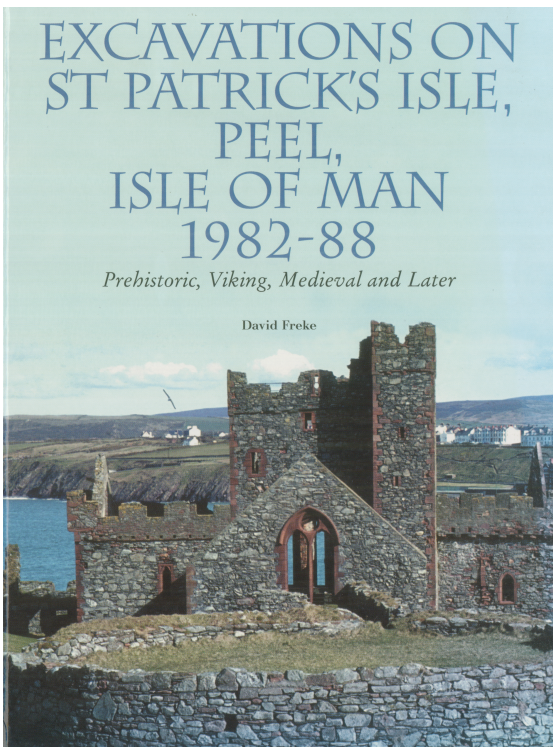
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The official guide to Peel Castle, written by Robert Curphey in 1982, before the benefit of the remarkable findings from the Peel dig.

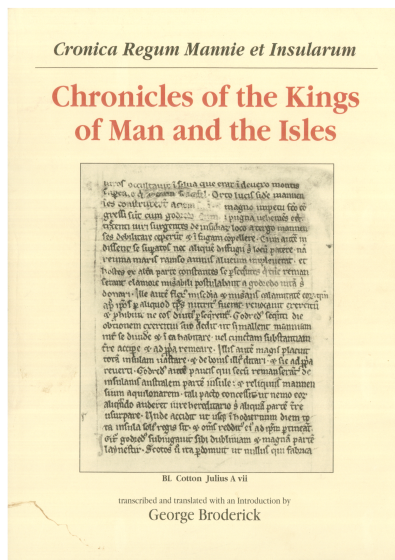
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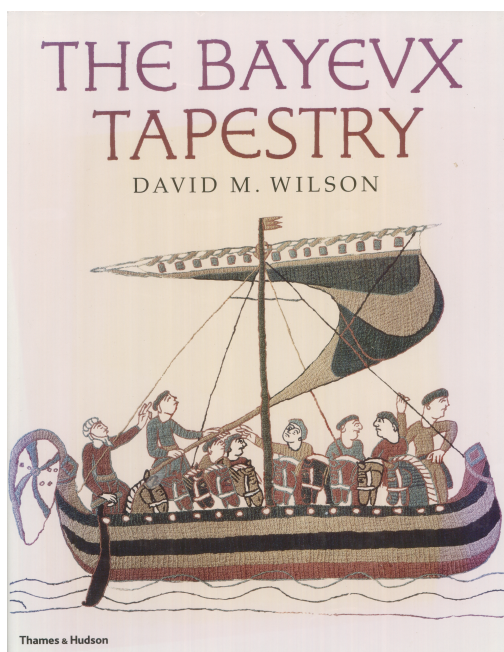
For those interested in a more detailed account of the dig in Peel Castle in the 1980s, this is the official report including the drawings, the records of the items found, and the interpretation..

Liverpool University, 2002.



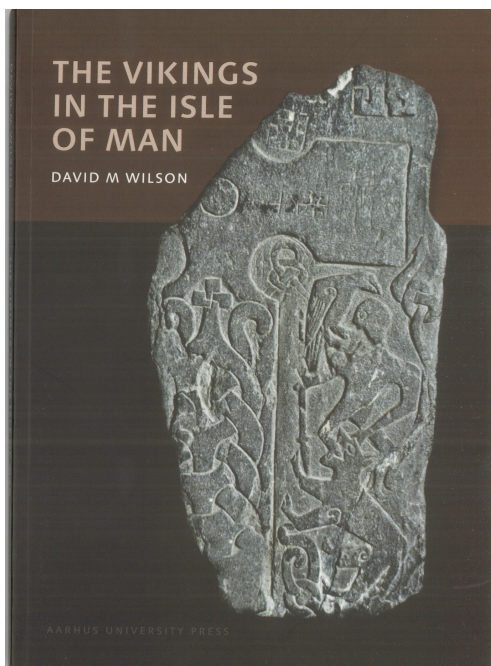
*The Chronicles of the Kings of Man and the Isles* is a remarkable piece of writing from the 13th century, possibly created by the monks of Rushen Abbey. It contains a brief history of the Isle of Man between 1016 and 1265 and contains many fascinating and extraordinary stories.

Manx National Heritage 2004



If you've never seen the Bayeux Tapestry, then this sumptuous book is the next best thing. It features superb full plate colour pictures of the entire length of the tapestry and has a fascinating commentary on every aspect of this remarkable piece of stitching by Manx resident Sir David Wilson, former head of the British Museum.

Thames and Hudson, 2004.



David Wilson is acknowledged as one of the pre-eminent scholars on the Viking Age, and this book provides the first detailed view of one of the Vikings' most important settlements - the Isle of Man.

Aarhus university Press, 2008.