

SPRIT OF EDINBURGH

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Edinburgh is the picturesque capital city of Scotland. Revered by tourists and locals alike, the features of the city are considered so unique that they have been protected for future generations by the awarding of 'World Heritage status'.

Essentially Edinburgh is a tale of two towns, which have amalgamated to create a sprawling mixture of ancient and modern architecture that spreads from the heart of the city. The castle is situated upon Castle Rock, which has dominated the skyline ever since it was used as a stronghold in the times of the Iron Age when a fort originally sat high on this ancient volcanic plug.

The Old Town maintains the charms of its medieval roots and boasts of a number of historic buildings to be found alongside the spine road of the Royal Mile, which links the Royal Palace of Holyroodhouse with the castle. From here steep roads and narrow alleyways form a web of historic locations for the visitor to explore. In complete contrast to the chaotic design of the Old Town, the organised structure of the New Town is home to some fine architecture including the buildings of Charlotte Square, considered by many to be one of the finest Georgian squares in the world.

Within the pages of this book, Jason Friend shares some of the reasons why this city is considered among the most spectacular in the United Kingdom, and indeed Europe. This book is a stunning photographic record of his quest to discover the true spirit of Edinburgh.



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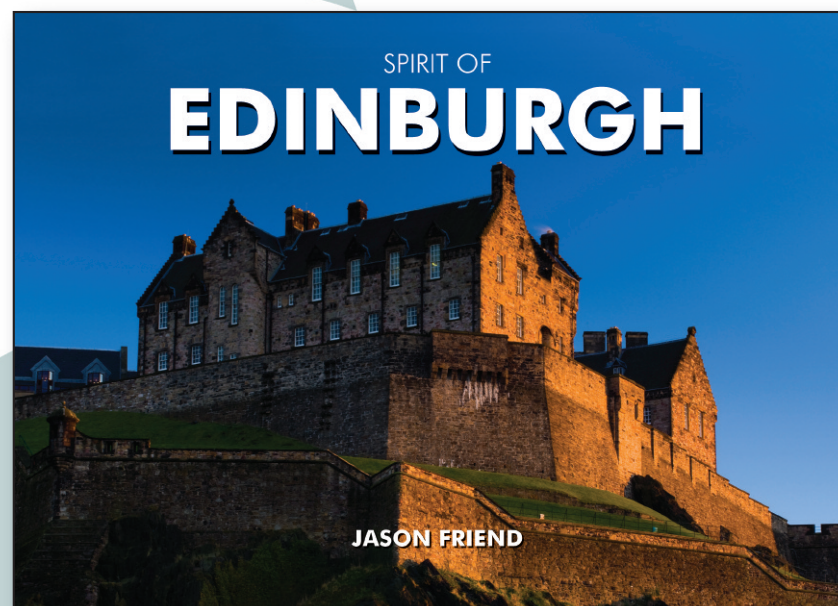
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Balmoral Hotel clock tower.



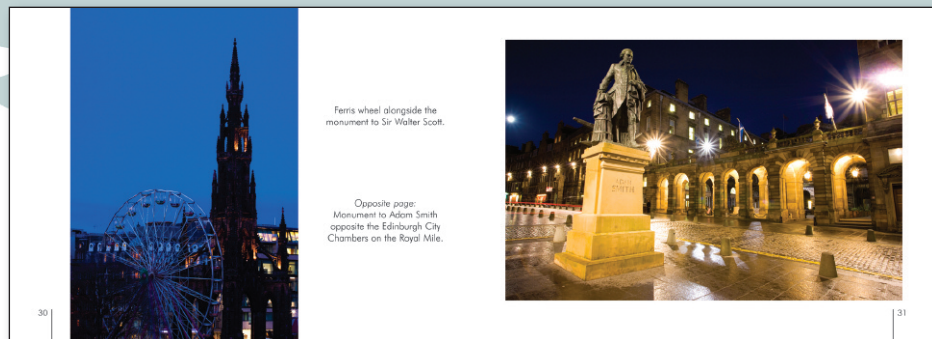
Looking across Edinburgh New Town.



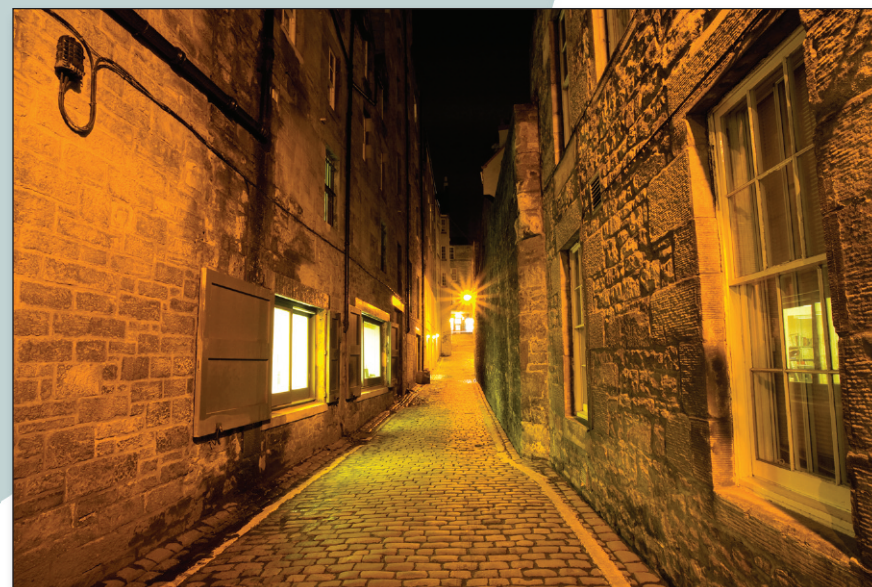
Edinburgh Castle dominates the Edinburgh skyline as a result of its elevated position on Castle Rock.



Right: The Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official residence in Scotland of Her Majesty the Queen.



Example of a double-page spread.



Cobbled alleyway near the historic Grassmarket.