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Twenty years later not only have I written his promised book 'The Way of the Wanderers' but I have also penned an autobiography trilogy, a story book and a novel It has taken many years of research; trawling through piles of documents, linking Celtic and Gaelic legends, reaching back into my childhood of nights at campfires listening to the Shanechies re-tell the old tales of the Travelling people so that they should never die but live on as part of Scotland's oldest culture. Finding the cultural time-line has been an almost impossible task. Orally we existed, but in the wide world we were erroneously written about. So it gives me great joy to know I broke the barrier of academia to discover our history and tell the truth.

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