

40 YEARS OF
SCOTTISH
PUBLISHING
1974-2014

Science, Technical, Medical, Reference, and Professional



Institutions and bodies across Scotland - The Forestry Commission, the Royal Botanic Garden, The National Archives of Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage and sportscotland - produce printed books, digital titles, information, and resources to make public their work and their assets.

A strong maritime heritage is reflected in the field of nautical publishing, well covered in Scotland by Brown, Son and Ferguson Ltd, a family-owned publisher of nautical books, printer and stationers since 1832, and publisher of the iconic *Brown's Nautical Almanac*; and Witherby Publishing Group, based in Livingstone, one of Scotland's largest publishers, with a worldwide customer base and an office in Delhi. Caithness-based Whittles Publishing continues to mine a seam in engineering titles. New start-ups continue the tradition - Handspring in Edinburgh publishes titles on therapies in the field of medicine.

Scotland has had a long-standing tradition of publishing reference books. One of the most prolific publishers in this respect has been W & R Chambers, subsequently renamed Chambers Harrap and now part of the multinational firm Hachette Livre. Chambers is renowned for setting the standard for reference works. Equally significant is Collins, later HarperCollins, whose range of reference books and dictionaries has been at the forefront of keeping readers informed of changes in language and culture. Reference works are frequently produced by public bodies such as the National Museums of Scotland, the National Library of Scotland and the Scottish Record Office.

