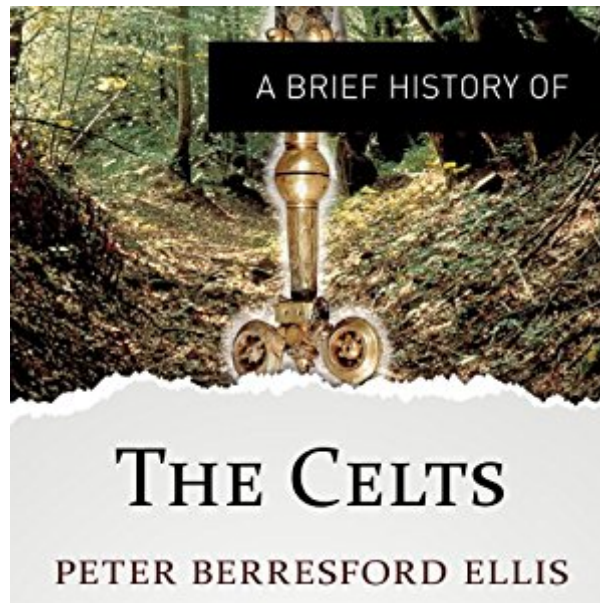




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Synopsis

For centuries the Celts held sway in Europe. Even after their conquest by the Romans, their culture remained vigorous, ensuring that much of it endured to feed an endless fascination with Celtic history and myths, artwork, and treasures. A foremost authority on the Celtic peoples and their culture, Peter Berresford Ellis presents an invigorating overview of their world. With his gift for making the scholarly accessible, he discusses the Celts' mysterious origins and early history and investigates their rich and complex society. His use of recently uncovered finds brings fascinating insights into Celtic kings and chieftains, architecture and arts, medicine and religions, myths and legends, making this essential listening for any search for Europe's ancient past.

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An impressive piece of work, especially noteworthy is the author's careful identification of myths, legends and what is in dispute, as well as the potential issues with various sources. Highly recommended.

Very interesting and detailed info. Does a good job of putting many geographical details into time context. If you're interested in finding out about your Celtic roots, I recommend it. Keep in mind, it's not like reading historical novels (like Pillars of the Earth).

In this book I learned that, contrary to popular belief, the Celts were indeed a literate people. However, because their tradition emphasized the oral transmission of knowledge, they left behind

few documents before the Christian era. As a result, most of what we know about them comes from archaeology and what the prejudiced Greeks and Romans wrote about them. Given the paucity of information we have about them, it seems a bit surprising to me that scholars like Dr. Ellis can devote their careers to studying them. Much of this kind of research seems to me rather speculative in nature, although what little is known is certainly interesting. The story of the Celts, like that of the Aztecs, Mayans, and the Byzantine Empire, has always seemed to me like a cautionary tale of how great civilizations can vanish suddenly, leaving very little behind. Yet much of the modern Caucasian race is indisputably descended from this great people, attesting that they did not live, love, and war in vain.

Good initiation of the Celts' world!

While this was a very interesting book, the writing was a little dis-jointed. The references to places were not properly annotated or described.

Very good book

AAAAAA+++++ Thanks much!~

Too much emphasis on debunking any opposing view on the history of the Celts. Basically I got bored reading it.

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