

Searching Pictish Ghosts: A Redemptive Journey to Scotland by Victor Atyas

Author Victor Atyas Joins Authors Press to Share his Literary Adventure In Search of the Pictish Ghosts

PITTSBURG, CA, UNITED STATES, June 21, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Together with Authors Press, author Victor Atyas will showcase his two novels to the public. Atyas' novel [Searching Pictish Ghosts: A Redemptive Journey to Scotland](#) follows the life of Mark, a 42-year-old college librarian, who suffers from painful feelings of inferiority.

Frustrated in his work as a college librarian, 42-year-old Mark finds fulfillment in outdoor activities. On a camping journey to Chaco Culture National Historical Monument, his search for spiritual connection with the ancient Anastasis is shattered by a group of campers, who chant and drum late into the night. His pleas for quiet are met with ridicule and threats. Unable to find another campsite, defeated, he heads back to Sante Fe, his home. Along the way he reflects that he has been victimized by bullies ever since his childhood, and vows to evolve into a courageous and proud man. But he is at a loss on how to proceed. In a dream, a wise, old man in a castle advises him to emulate daredevils who have ventured into forbidding deserts, unknown oceans, and towering mountains. On a visit to the local library branch he finds a book describing three winter months in a remote Scottish Highlands cabin, with no electricity or running water. Nightly, on the way to the privies, the author sensed invisible eyes spying on him. Because the cabin was in the heart of the ancestral Pictish land, Marc concludes that the spying eyes must have belonged to their ghosts.

The Picts were fearless. They fought Roman legionnaires naked except for paint on their bodies. He packs his things and leaves for the Highlands in search of the ghosts, and if he finds them, to



ask them to teach him the secrets of their ancestors' fearlessness and daring. He is in luck. The ghosts enroll him into their tribe and appoint Derile, a member, to be his guardian angel. In Dunvegan Castle Mark falls in love with Debbie, an American tourist, waiting for the arrival of her boyfriend. Derile advises restraint. Mark must decide whether to follow the calling of his heart and act like a Pict, or be his cautionary self.

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Author Atyas was born in Sarajevo in what was then Yugoslavia. He immigrated alone to the United States at the age of twenty. Arriving with no knowledge of English, no education, and no funds, he worked in factories daytime and studied evenings. With the help of assistantships and fellowships, he eventually obtained a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

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