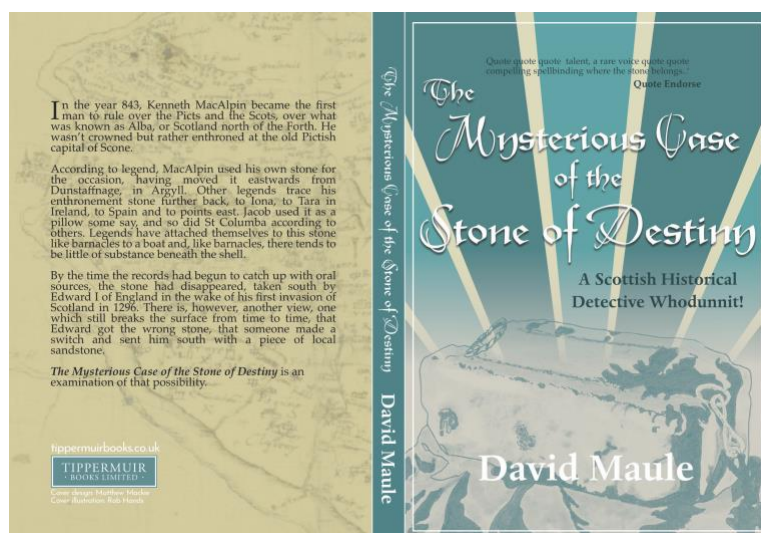


The Mysterious Case of the Stone of Destiny: A Scottish Historical Detective Whodunnit! by David Maule

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David Maule has had a career in English language teaching, working in Sierra Leone, Turkey and Bosnia then Edinburgh College. During this time he wrote coursebooks and readers for learners of English. For 12 years he edited the *About Language* section of *Modern English Teacher* magazine. While working for

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