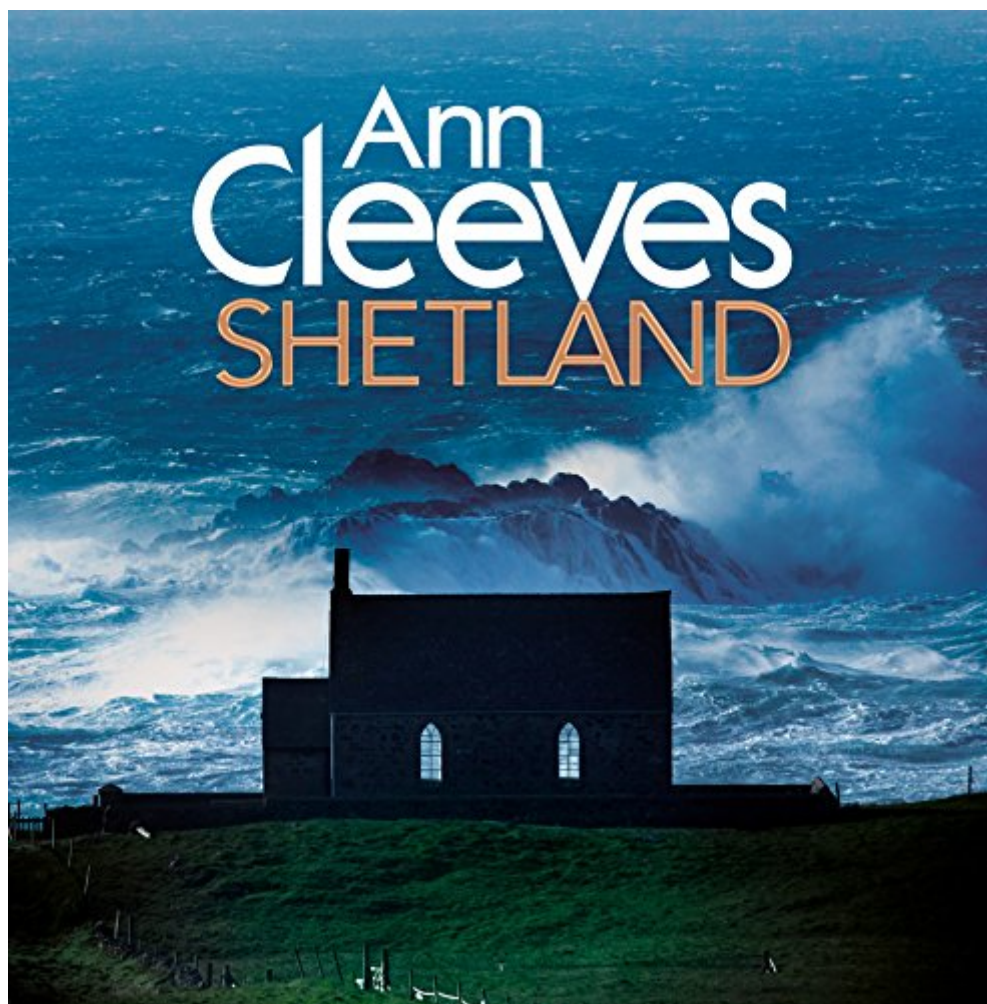


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# Shetland



## Synopsis

Ann Cleeves' bestselling series of crime novels, featuring Detective Jimmy Perez, and now also adapted for a major BBC television series, draw their inspiration from the place in which they take place: Shetland. An archipelago of more than a hundred islands, it is the one of the most remote places in the United Kingdom. Its fifteen hundred miles of shore mean that wherever one stands, there is a view of the sea. It has sheltered coves and beaches and dramatically exposed cliffs, lush meadows full of wild flowers in the summer and bleak hilltops where only the hardiest of plants will grow. It is a place where traditions are valued and celebrated, but new technologies and ways of working are also embraced. In this gloriously illustrated companion to her novels, Ann Cleeves takes readers through a year on Shetland, learning about its past, meeting its people, celebrating its festivals and seeing how the flora and fauna of the islands changes with the seasons. Whether it is the drama of the Viking fire festival of Up Helly Aa in winter, or the piercing blue and hot pink of spring flowers on the clifftops, the long, white nights of midsummer or the fierce gales and high tides of autumn, Shetland is vividly captured in all its bleak and special beauty.

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## Customer Reviews

Totally fun. Love the photos. I carry it on my Kindle so I can browse or read as the moment inspires. Also the Shetland DVDs based on Ann Cleeves' murder mysteries were really fun. I'm inspired to go there. Then I realize: Not a chance. The weather alone is beyond my preferences. But Shetland is gorgeous and all the photos of landscape and birds ... Wow! I'm so satisfied with this book. A stimulant for my adventurous side and a great cosmic carrot to give up my weather fears. Robson Green's tales of Northumberland overcame all my hesitations about taking that walking tour. Maybe ...

Great writings and fantastic pictures! This book can be used for planning a visit on the Shetland Island. By planning I mean what to see of the different parts of Shetland Islands. You will need other resources for car rentals, hotels and restaurants. The book cover all seasons so it is suitable for any time of the year. If you are interested in Anne Cleves other books she explains one which islands and what parts different plots are supposed to happened.

Fabulous book ; wonder pics ; nice to hear how the stories in the Shetland series work in with the landscape, history of the Islands etc. Wonderful on its own or before or after reading Jimmy Perez Shetland adventures!

I've enjoyed both Ann Cleeves' Shetland books and the TV movies based on them, and this book \*about\* Shetland is equally satisfying. The kind you read fast first, then go back through more slowly to savor the scenery. Makes me want to go visit. I especially enjoyed the pictures and in them, spotting settings used in the TV movies. A "I know what book that's in" kind of moment.

I already loved Europe's northern climes and cultures and am finally visiting the Orkneys this year. But now there is one more place I must get to: The Shetlands.

A beautifully written description of the Shetlands. I feel impelled to go and visit!!

Wish I had read this before I read all the Shetland books. It is a beautiful visual and verbal description of the islands and their very particular beauty.

I thought it was an Ann Cleeves mystery. So that was disappointing. But it is a wonderful overview of the Shetland Island which I am dying to visit.

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