

# CONTENTS

Introduction	ix
<i>Traditional Stories</i>	
The Battle of the Birds	1
The Wee Bannock	9
Death in a Nut	12
JAMES HOGG (1770-1835)	
The Cameronian Preacher's Tale	20
SIR WALTER SCOTT (1771-1832)	
The Two Drovers	31
JOHN GALT (1779-1839)	
The Howdie: An Autobiography	51
WILLIAM ALEXANDER (1826-1894)	
Baubie Huie's Bastard Geet	70
'IAN MACLAREN' (Revd John Watson: 1850-1907)	
The Cunning Speech of Drumtochty	87
ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON (1850-1894)	
A Lodging for the Night	95
Thrawn Janet	110
<i>from Fables</i>	118
R. B. CUNNINGHAME GRAHAM (1852-1936)	
Un Feliz	121
JOHN DAVIDSON (1857-1909)	
Miss Armstrong's Circumstances	127
S. R. CROCKETT (1859-1914)	
'The Heather Lintie'	138
J. M. BARRIE (1860-1937)	
A Literary Club	145
VIOLET JACOB (1863-1946)	
The Debatable Land	152
JOHN BUCHAN (1875-1940)	
The Loathly Opposite	161
LORNA MOON (Helen Nora Wilson Low: 1886-1930)	
Silk Both Sides	171

VI • CONTENTS

NEIL GUNN (1891-1973) The Tax-Gatherer	175
EDWARD GAITENS (1897-1966) Dance of the Apprentices	182
ERIC LINKLATER (1899-1974) Country-Born	199
LEWIS GRASSIC GIBBON (J. Leslie Mitchell: 1901-1935) Smeddum	206
ROBERT MCLELLAN (1907-1985) The Donegals	214
GEORGE FRIEL (1910-1975) I'm Leaving You	221
FRED URQUHART (1912- ) The Last Sister	229
ROBIN JENKINS (1912- ) A Far Cry from Bowmore	239
NEIL PATERSON (1915- ) The Life and Death of George Wilson	262
JESSIE KESSON (1916-1994) The Gowk	282
MURIEL SPARK (1918- ) Bang-Bang You're Dead	293
ELSPETH DAVIE (1919- ) A Map of the World	313
GEORGE MACKAY BROWN (1921- ) Andrina	327
IAIN CRICHTON SMITH (1928- ) An American Sky	334
ALASDAIR GRAY (1934- ) Prometheus	357
WILLIAM MCILVANNEY (1936- ) Performance	376
ERIC MCCORMACK (1940- ) The One-Legged Men	380
SHENA MACKAY (1944- ) Violets and Strawberries in the Snow	384

JAMES KELMAN (1946- ) Home for a Couple of Days	393
ALAN SPENCE (1947- ) Its Colours They are Fine	403
MARGARET ELPHINSTONE (1948- ) An Apple from a Tree	413
RONALD FRAME (1953- ) Merlewood	429
DILYS ROSE (1954- ) Street of the Three Terraces	444
JANICE GALLOWAY (1956- ) Blood	448
DUNCAN MCLEAN (1964- ) Doubled Up With Pain	453
A. L. KENNEDY (1965- ) Night Geometry and the Garscadden Trains	457
Glossary	465
Acknowledgements	475
Index of Authors	477