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The story of Falkland in the years before the Great War. A little Scottish town still proud of its status as a Royal Burgh, with its Provost and Town Council.

A rich cast of characters, from the young Laird in his great house, to the 12-year-old twins birched for stealing a penny and two apples. A thriving social scene: sports clubs, dances, lectures, Lodge dinners, and sales of work. The two churches and their ministers, still leaders of society.

Most of the local places mentioned are still recognisable today, and motor cars, telephones, electricity, and piped water were already coming into use. But the social hierarchy, vividly brought to life in these pages, now seems like a different world.

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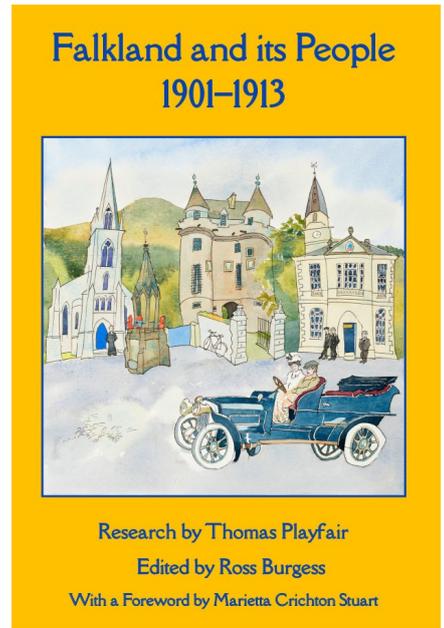
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