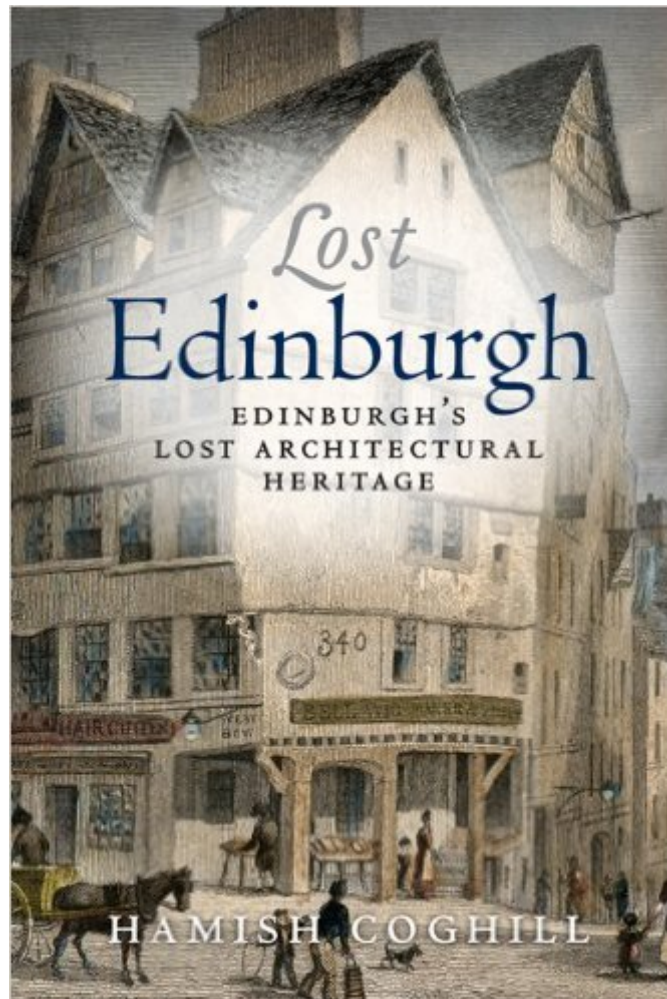# Lost Edinburgh: Edinburgh's Lost Architectural Heritage

Synopsis

What happened to Edinburgh's once notorious but picturesque Tolbooth Prison? Where was the Black Turnpike, once a dominant building in the town? Why has one of the New Town designer's major layouts been all but obliterated? What else has been lost in Edinburgh? From Edinburgh's mean beginningsâ "'wretched accommodation, no comfortable houses, no soft beds', visiting French knights complained in 1341â "it went on to attract some of the world's greatest architects to design and build and shape a unique city. But over the centuries many of those fine buildings have gone. Some were destroyed by invasion and civil strife, some simply collapsed with old age and neglect, and others were swept away in the 'improvements' of the nineteenth century. Yet more fell to the developers' swathe of destruction in the twentieth century. Much of the medieval architecture vanished in the Old Town, Georgian Squares were attacked, Princes Street ruined, old tenements razed in huge slum clearance drives, and once familiar and much loved buildings vanished. The changing pattern of industry, social habits, health service, housing and road systems all took their toll; not even the city wall was immune. The buildings which stood in the way of what was deemed progress are the heritage of lost Edinburgh. In this informative and stimulating book, Hamish Coghill sets out to trace many of the lost buildings and find out why they were doomed. Lavishly illustrated, Lost Edinburgh is a fascinating insight into an ever-changing cityscape.

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Edinburgh has grown as all cities do grow. "New" buildings in the Old Town are older than "old"

buildings in the USA. The stories of the orginal buildings and the ones that have taken their place in this wonderful, ancient city are fascinating. Coghill has a an easy writing style that is clear and easy to follow. The book is full of etchings and photographs and the endpapers fold out to show complete maps of the Old Town. I love Edinburgh and I will take this book with me on my next visit to Auld Reeckie.

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