

Nigel Gatherer's Scottish Collection

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The S. S. Politician (Nigel Gatherer)



Whisky Galore (Nigel Gatherer)



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1941 The Wreck of the S. S. Politician

The cargo ship S S Politician ran aground off the coast of Eriskay, carrying 28,000 bottles of malt whisky, many of which were "rescued" by islanders across the Hebrides. The author Compton Mackenzie was inspired by the event to write his celebrated novel Whisky Galore, published in 1947. Two years later he collaborated on the screenplay for a film adaptation by Ealing Studios.



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