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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

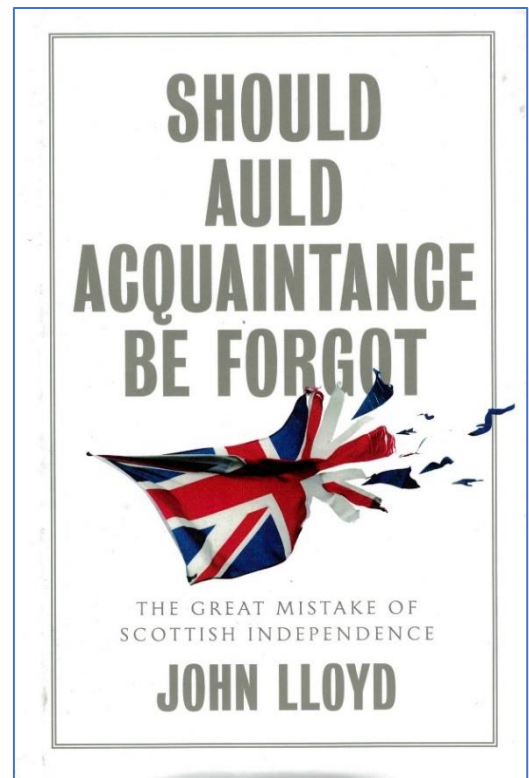
55 – *Auld Acquaintance*
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SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT: the Great Mistake of Scottish Independence

Author: John Lloyd

Publisher: [Polity Press](#), 2020
(available on *Amazon*, [click on cover image for link](#))

Descriptor: Arguments against both independence for Scotland from the UK, and the Scottish National Party



RusRoL relevance: *Reveals how little the rule of law features in modern politics were identity is king and the “nanny state” is queen.*

“I think most failures (in Scotland) have been policy failures, not implementation failures. It’s a consequence of the government being a campaigning group.” (p. 148)

Reason to read: Gives the reasons which John Lloyd, a long-term journalist in Moscow for the *Financial Times*, supports for rejecting the arguments against the breakup of the United Kingdom. I put that in a negative way as it is essentially a negative view. His reason are mainly financial, and the general structure of government appears not discussed. Neither is the rule of law is mentioned. However, this is one of the few books on the subject written from a Unionist standpoint by a Scotsman.

YouTube video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1jU5d8W4-0>

Overall recommendation level: MODERATE

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