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The Western Isles, the Shetlands and the Aran Islands provide the inspiration for Debbie Bliss's latest collection of designer knitting patterns.Originally created by the women of these remote and rugged islands, many of the patterns have been handed down from mother to daughter for generations, without any sort of written record. Distinctive motifs - with names like starfish, harbour steps, fishing net and wave - celebrate a unique way of life ruled by the sea.Debbie Bliss has used this tradition for a range of warm, practical and beautiful designs that will delight the whole family: chunky Aran sweaters. subtly shaded Fair Isle cardigans, sweaters and slippers, delicate Shetland lace shawls and sturdy ganseys. Many of them feature classic details: for example, the practical side-buttoning neck and shoulder strap of the fisherman's gansey and the decorative cables that give the Arans extra elasticity. Full instructions are given

for thirty patterns, together with details of traditional stitches and motifs, and appropriate colour schemes. The unique beauty of the landscape gives Sandra Lousada stunning backgrounds for her superb photography. Together with the fascinating histories of the knitting styles of the islands, they create a book that pays tribute to the indomitable spirit of the islanders and the skills and techniques of the past, while irresistibly passing them on to be enjoyed in the present.