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How Glasgow-born [Jimmy Reid](#) Became One of the Most Influential Politicians of the Twentieth-Century Britain:

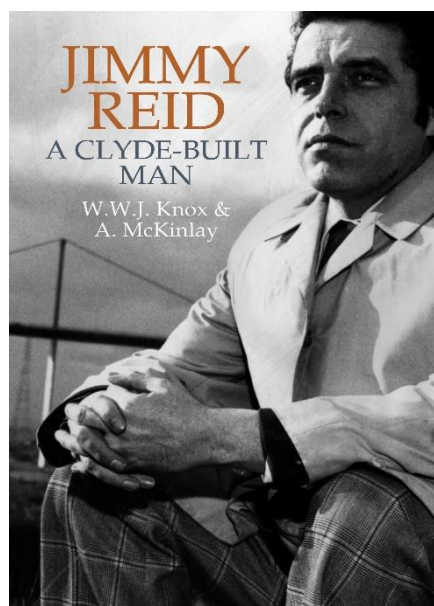
W.W.J. Knox and Alan McKinlay explore Reid's extraordinary political journey

(22nd July 2019, Liverpool University Press): The world of politics has and always will be a fundamental part of our society-I am sure you are aware of the Brexit situation by now. However, what about the man who was known as "the best MP Scotland never had"? Jimmy Reid went from a poverty-stricken background in Govan, Glasgow, to being at the forefront of the major turning points in the history of industrial relations and politics in Britain, particularly when he gained international recognition as the leading spokesperson for the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders Work-In from 1971 to 1972.

[Jimmy Reid](#) is the new biography of one of most important figures of late twentieth-century Britain. Its use of previously neglected documents and in-depth interviews with activists, provides a fresher perspective on Reid's life and the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders.

By charting Jimmy Reid's political journey, from Communism, to Labourism, and ultimately to Nationalism, the biography provides fascinating insights into the process of political change in post-war Britain.

Overall, [Jimmy Reid](#) refines our understanding of institutions and social change in post-war Britain, by showing how they were understood and negotiated by one inspirational individual.



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[Jimmy Reid](#) is available for pre-order and is due to be published on 30th September via the [Liverpool University Press website](#)