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Customer Reviews

Here is a very interesting history of a Caribbean island most people in the U.S. may not know much about. It's written by a native Dominican, Lennox Honeychurch, who has himself participated in some of the events of his country in the last 30-40 years, particularly in the country's politics. And, despite that, he does a remarkable job of keeping the whole narrative very objective, even when a tragic portion of that history involves his own family. I also found the history of Britain and France fighting over the island between the 7 Years War and the Napoleonic Wars very exciting as well. Also, Mr. Honeychurch mixes in enough ethnography and social observation to give anyone an idea of the general character of the people, even if they have never visited the island. However, I do have one or two critiques. First, about two-thirds of the way through the book, Mr. Honeychurch switches from a purely chronological structure to a purely thematic structure then switches back within the last 30-40 pages. Not that I can think of a better way to do it, considering some of the things he had to cover, but it is a little jarring to have that kind of a structural switch. And second, while I applaud Mr. Honeychurch's overall objectivity, there were a few occasions where his own views seemed to sneak in, especially in political events that he must have been able to observe. Overall, a fine history of the island that would be good for research material if someone was doing a historical case study of the Eastern Caribbean.

I love the theme, contents, and quality of the book for an authentic description of Dominica for Dominicans (and especially all visitors!) in terms of history, ethnology, society, and politics with a very unique and personal perspective. I hope to enjoy my visit(s) there with more intuition, knowledge, and respect after reading this book.

I've read Lennox Honeychurch's Book THE DOMINICA STORY and it is the most comprehensive

book you will ever get on the history of the island of Dominica. From the arrival of the Caribs and Awaraks on their flimsy canoe to the arrival of Christopher Columbus and the European invasion on the island. The early politics on the island is dissected and put together as you turn the pages revealing the rich history of the "nature island of the caribbean".

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