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Dominica Story A History Of The Island



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Customer Reviews

A comprehensive and sometimes exhaustive retelling of Dominica's history- a place with politics as complex as its magnificent forests. Mr Honychurch seems a brilliant, brave and passionate citizen who has done a commendable job of chronicling his island's history. I imagine there are many more tales to be told :) I read it in preparation for a visit (not yet taken) and am only more intrigued to get to know this gem of earth and her people after reading this. There won't be many more places like this on earth in a future that may be nearer than we'd like. I'm grateful there are people recording and disseminating their histories.

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.

While in Dominica on our honeymoon, we meet the author, so we had to get the book. A great, informative read.

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 Honychurch, 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. Honychurch 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. Honychurch 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.

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I had started this book on a trip to Dominica but had to leave it behind and could not wait to get a copy of my own to read. The copy is in great condition and was received very quickly. I'd buy again from this source.

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