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Bahamian Culture And Factors Which Impact Upon It



Synopsis

As a firsthand observer of the political and social history of the modern Bahamas, Donald M. McCartney delivers an interesting look at the life, political change, and coming-of-age of the Bahamian islands. This book weaves together the past and present, revealing the origins of Bahamian culture and the modern Bahamian way of life. This is a book addressed to anyone interested in the history and birth of a modern nation – sometimes a long and arduous journey. Most importantly, this book should be read by all Bahamians to understand the way in which they lived in the past and the struggles and triumphs undertaken to become the land they know today. Donald M. McCartney uses his eloquent voice to introduce the readers to his homeland’s rich past, in hopes of preserving the culture for generations of Bahamians yet unborn.

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Customer Reviews

An educator in the Bahamian education system for many years and now First Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Public Service for the Bahamian Government, Donald M. McCartney is the recipient of many awards for service to his community and country, including the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism’s prestigious Cacique Award for his contribution to the development of human resources. Mr. McCartney holds a Teacher’s Certificate from Bahamas Teacher’s College, a B.A. (Speech Communication and Education) from the University of South Carolina, and a M.Sc.Ed. (Hons) from the University of Miami. At the present time, he is pursuing studies toward a Master’s Degree in Public Administration at Georgia State University. He and his wife, Betty, currently live in Freeport, Grand Bahama. His two daughters, Donette and Dawn, are residents of Iowa and New Jersey, respectively.

"This literary masterpiece by Donald McCartney should be a must read for secondary and tertiary level learners. Indeed it ought to be on the shelf of every Bahamian Educational Institution and home. When the question is asked of generations of Bahamians yet unborn "what meanest these stones?" They need only read this book and gain a wealth of knowledge at the flip of its pages. The distinguished author has delineated an all-inclusive description of our political history and way of life. As it has been often said, "to know where we are going we must first know where we came from." He has certainly started us on this journey." Doswell C. Coakley, Ph.D., FCICA, President and CEL of JTR & Associates Limited and former Deputy Director and Director of Bahamas Immigration.

This book offers an excellent and easy to read portrayal of the history of those factors which influence the cultural and political development of the Bahamas. It is a must read for all Bahamians and persons with connections and roots in the Bahamas. I recommend that anyone who is interested in migrating to or doing business in the Bahamas read this book. As a Bahamian abroad, I strongly recommend that all Bahamians (particularly young Bahamians) coming abroad to study have a copy of this book as a part of their reading materials. Additionally, Bahamian parents should ensure that every child in their homes have a copy of this book. I do hope that the Bahamian government deem it necessary to place copies of this book in every school in the Bahamas.

The essays, "Who We Are" and "A Brief Political History of the Bahamas..." are excellent productions by Donald M. McCartney, Esq. The writer's treatment of Bahamian Culture, and Bahamian history from 1942 onwards are filled with simple truth and are easy to digest. I expect that this book will be widely read and referred to in conversation with Bahamians and non-Bahamians alike. It would be particularly interesting to Bahamian students." Sir Albert Miller, President and CEO of Modalena Company Limited and former President and Co-Chairman of the Grand Bahama Port Authority Group of Companies

This book is simply written and is accurate in its treatment of the materials. It is a must read for Bahamians who want to know how the history of their country has impacted their lives. It is a book for the lettered and the unlettered. It is reader friendly and provides information for non-Bahamians who would wish to get to know about the Bahamas and its people. I will put a copy of this book in the hands of all my children and grandchildren.

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