



SUMMER ISLAND



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Pack your bags and grab your passport!

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You'll want to visit this Summer Island again and again!



About Deborah C. Mortimer

Deborah is a trademark attorney and former homeschool parent with a passion for writing. Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and a proud first-generation American with parents from Jamaica and Venezuela, Deborah spent many summers as a child with family in Trinidad and Tobago. Inspired by those fond memories, she wanted to share the fun adventures of her time there along with the rich culture of the Caribbean. Understanding the importance of representation in children's literature and the need for diversity, Deborah is driven by her vision of bringing stories that feature relatable, inspiring, and diverse characters not only to the children in her life, but to children everywhere.

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Who is this book for?

All Children Ages 4-10

"Summer Island" is a great introduction to Caribbean culture. Whether you are of Caribbean heritage, have travelled there, or hope to one day, this book aims to celebrate the beauty of the people, sights, sounds and smells! The book is set in the late 1980's on an unnamed island, so parents familiar with spending summers in the Caribbean can share in a bit of nostalgia as they recall their own "summer island". This book takes the reader on a journey as a girl travels to her father's birth home for the first time to meet extended family, especially her grandmother, affectionally called Granny. The reader will enjoy the narrator's first hand account of everything she experiences, as she learns about customs from her family and all the ways to have fun outdoors on her "summer island".



Teachers, Counselors & Librarians

It is a great tool for having a diverse selection of books for your readers. Great for all grade levels, K-5 to explore the people and culture of the numerous islands of the Caribbean. Also, since June is National Caribbean Heritage Month, it's a valuable introduction to a discussion of the many contributions made by Caribbean born immigrants and those of Caribbean heritage.

It promotes world and cultural exploration, developing verbal communication and expression, and the grade appropriate text makes it an excellent self-read. It also encourages feelings of community, family and love. Children unfamiliar with Caribbean culture will have an appreciation of it and may want to explore more whether through reading, watching videos or even travel.

Visiting Author, Deborah C. Mortimer

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This will surely be a new bedtime favorite in our house. As the child of a Jamaican-American mother, my son loves to read this story with me and ask questions about my summers there. He can't wait to "travel" there again. Well done!
-Reader of Advanced Copy

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