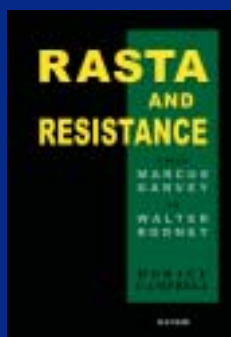
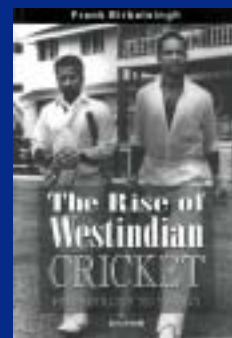
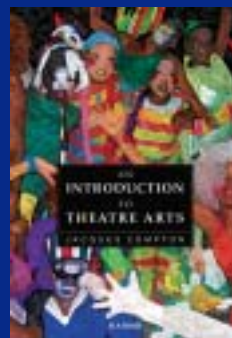
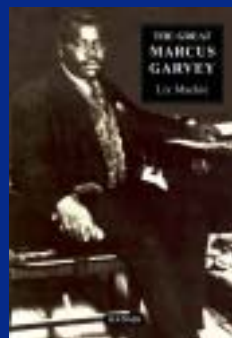
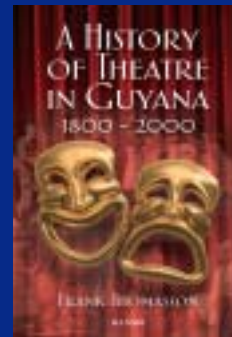
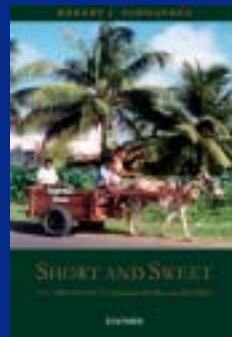
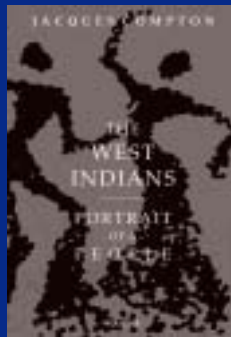




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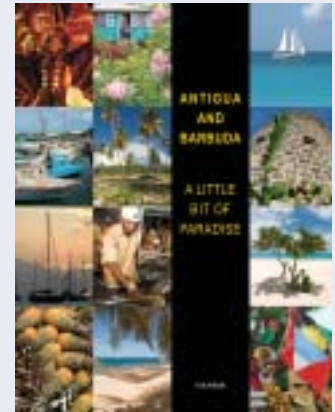
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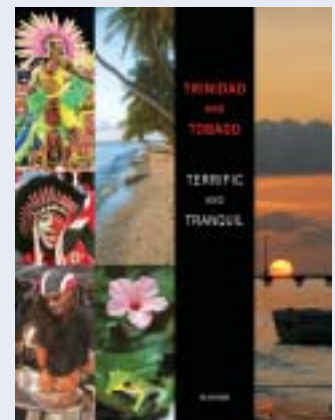
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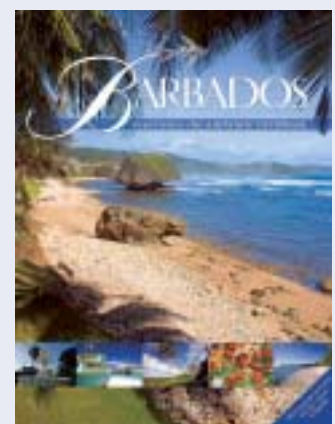


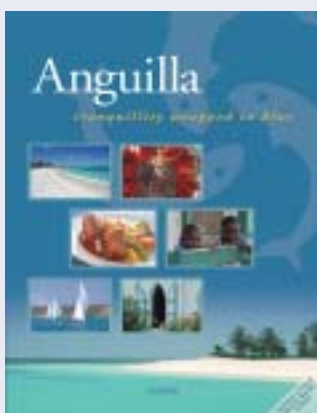
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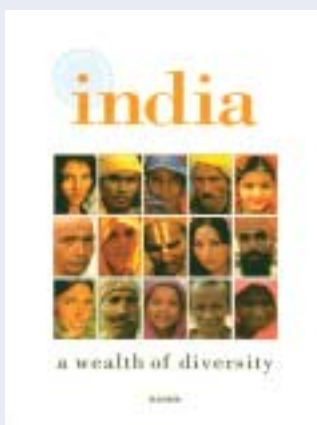


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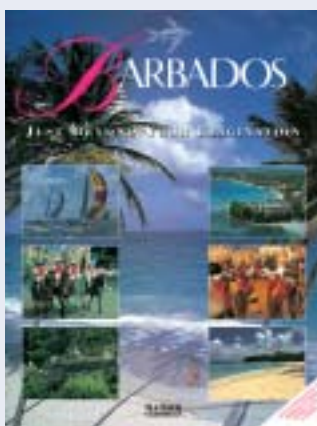


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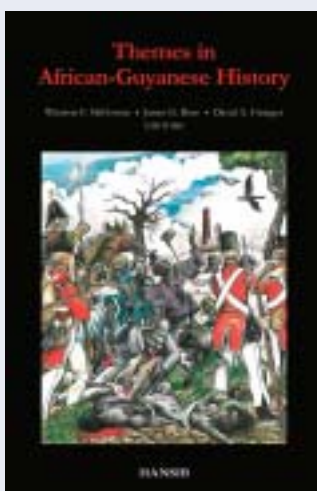
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This book focuses on some of the major developments in the history of the African-Guyanese from the time of their arrival in what were then the Dutch colonies of Essequibo and Berbice in the first half of the seventeenth century, to the present day. Most African-Guyanese today are descendants of enslaved Africans who were victims of the trans-Atlantic slave trade – the forced migration of millions of Africans, largely from West Africa to the Americas, from the fifteenth to the nineteenth centuries. These captives were not uncivilised barbarians, as some European writers assumed and asserted. Rather, they were members of societies which had been distinguished by significant achievements. They were, therefore, able to make a valuable contribution to the land to which they were taken against their will after a traumatic journey across the Atlantic. *Themes in African-Guyanese History* seeks to deal in a more or less balanced way with the four phases into which historians have often divided Guyanese history, namely: the pre-Emancipation period, which ended in 1838; the post-Emancipation period, in the remainder of the nineteenth century; the pre-Independence period, up to 1966; and the post-Independence period for the remainder of the twentieth century.

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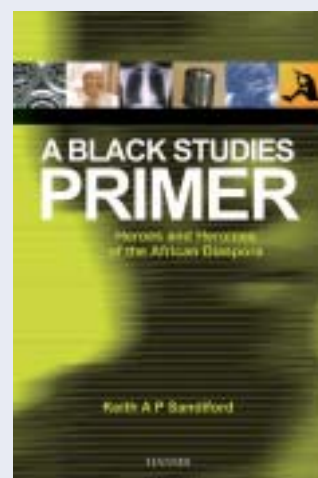
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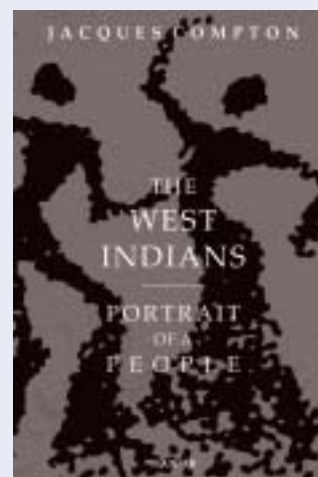
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Before the arrival of Europeans in the West Indies in the 15th century, the region was inhabited by Amerindian peoples – Caribs and Arawaks. But within a decade of their arrival, the Europeans had exterminated most of the indigenous peoples and had begun to replace them with enslaved Africans.

Renowned Brazilian sociologist, cultural anthropologist and historian, Gilberto Freyre stated that when the Africans arrived in the ‘New World’ they ceased being African. Instead, they were ‘West Indian Blacks’ who were slaves. They were broken and battered, and were being moulded into what the Europeans required – labour for their plantations.

This work draws from history, anthropology, sociology, economics, literature and culture, and examines Freyre’s contention. It also looks at the forces and methods used by the Europeans in what the author calls the “de-Africanisation of the Africans” and the creation of the West Indians.

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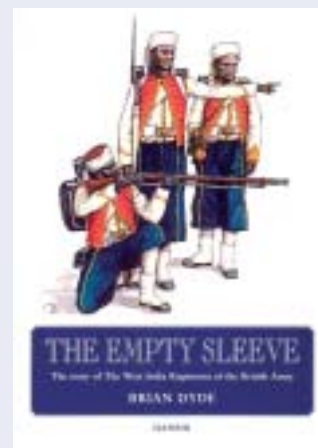


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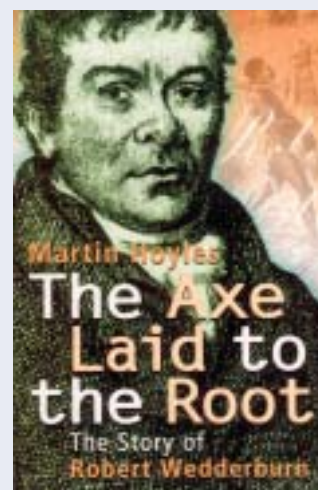


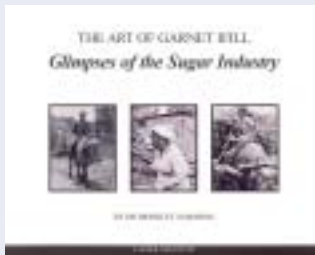
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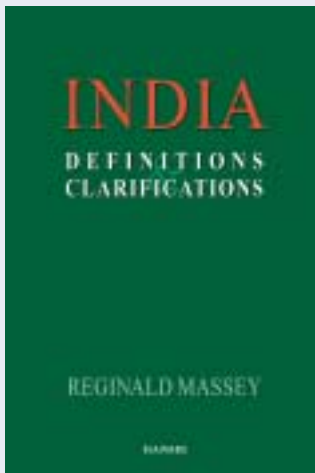


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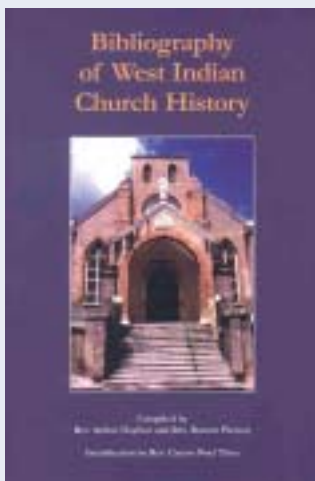
REGINALD MASSEY

Of all the world's major countries India is surely the most misunderstood and misinterpreted. Worse still, India lovers embrace India with little or no understanding of the country. Since 1947, 'India Studies' and 'Pakistan Studies' have become exercises in political spin and vilification. Myths and legends are held up as facts and plain prejudice is buttressed by so-called historical research. In the cause of creating a national identity and a particular vision of greatness, dangerous doctrines and unpalatable events are either ignored or nimbly explained away. Truth is being sacrificed at the altar of expediency.

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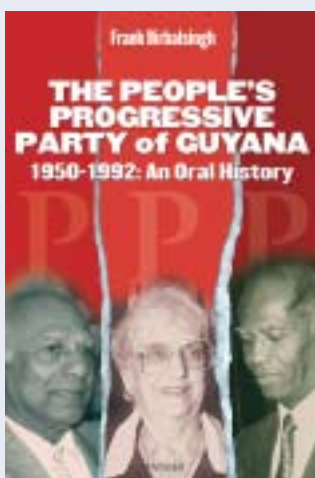


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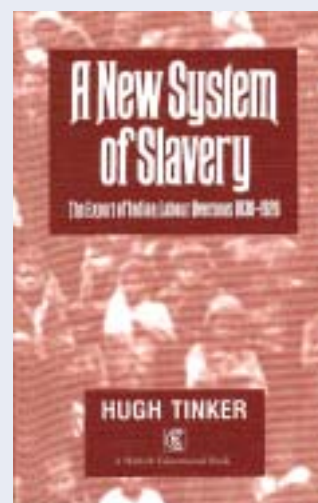
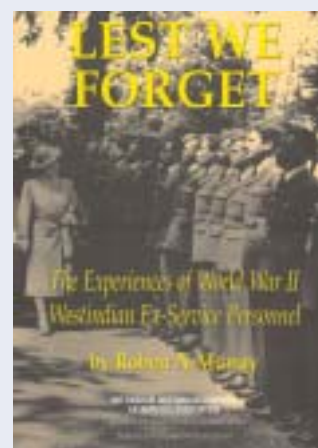
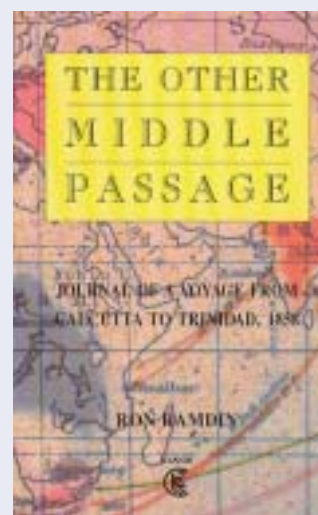
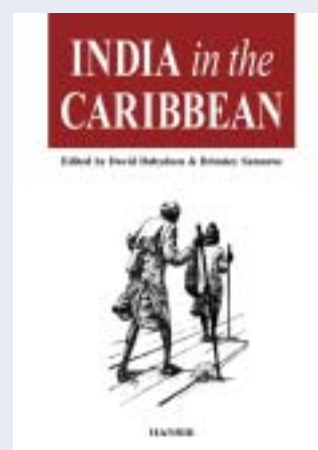
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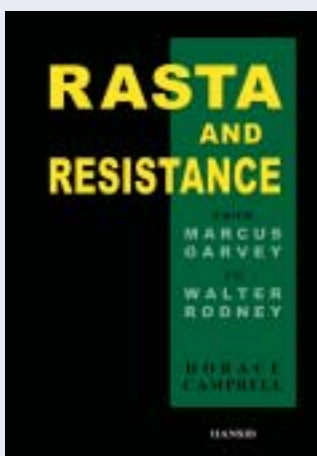
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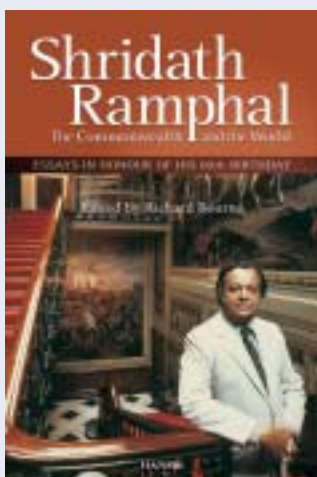
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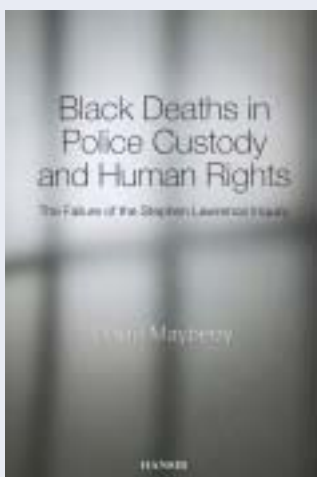
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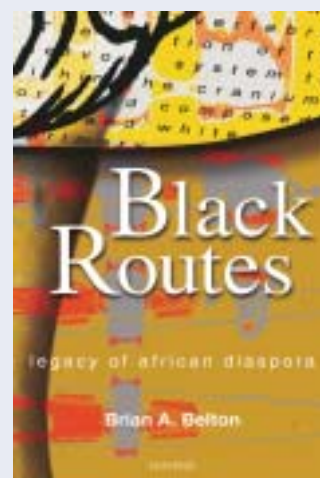
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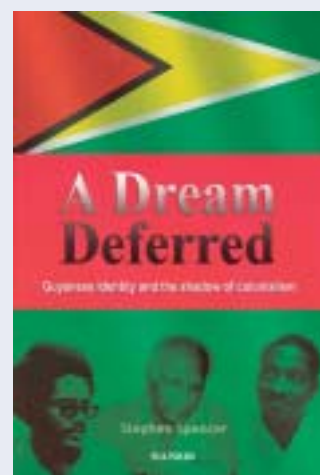
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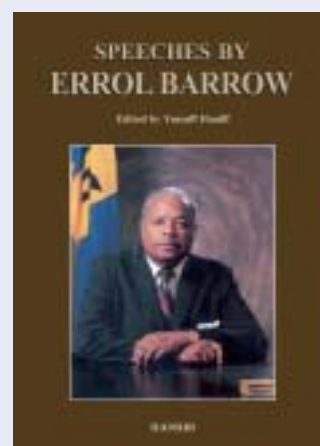
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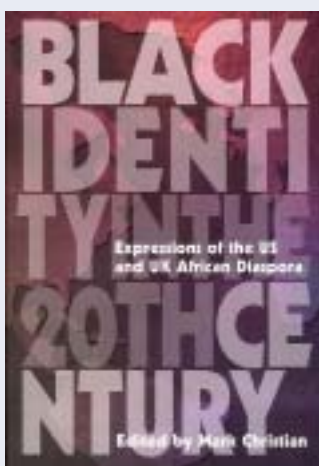
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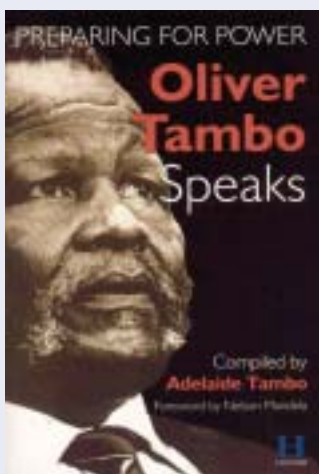


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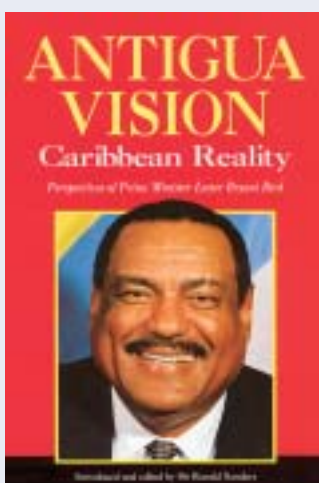


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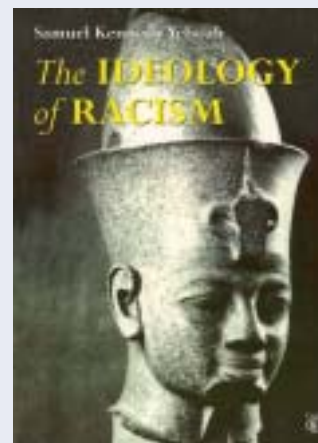
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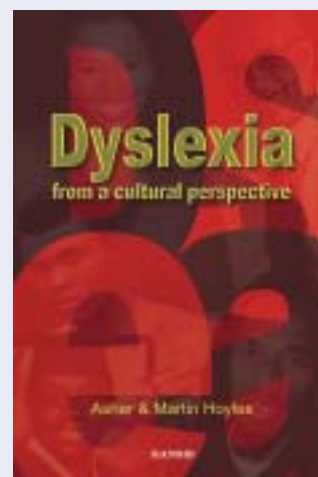
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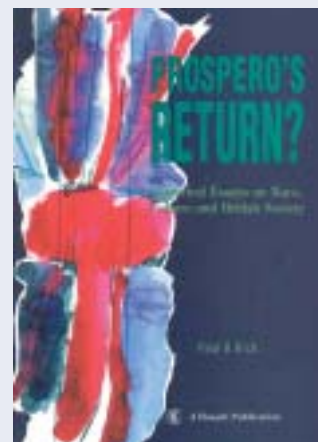
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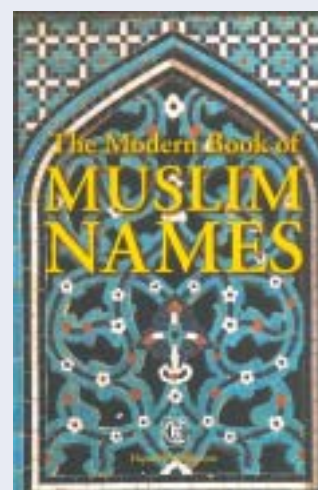
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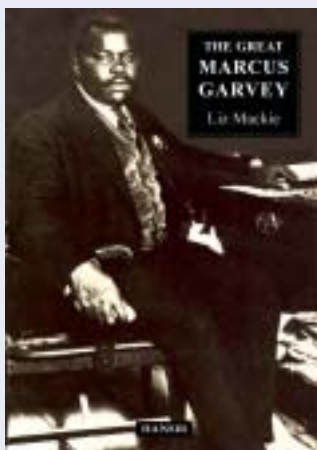
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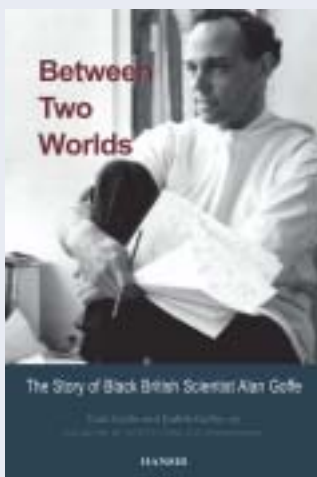
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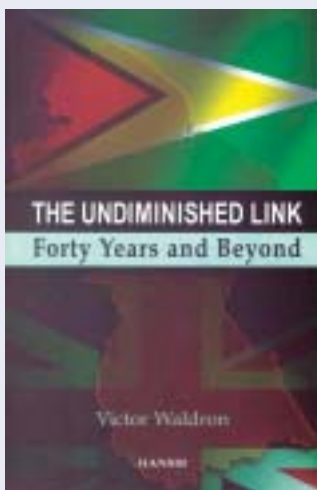
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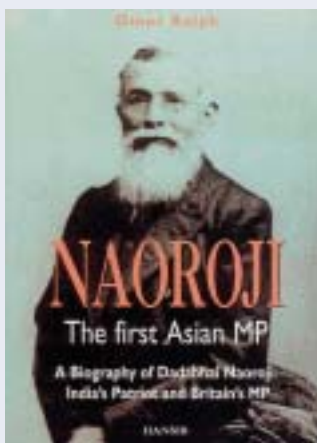


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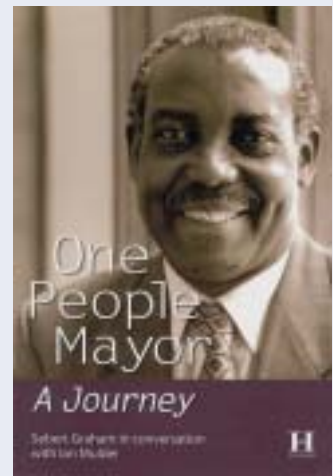
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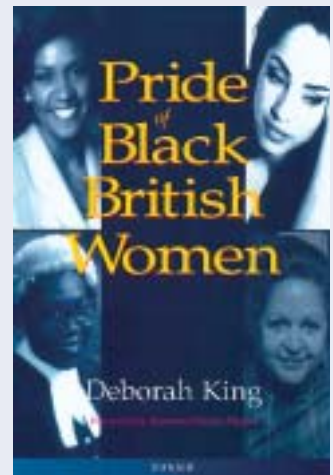


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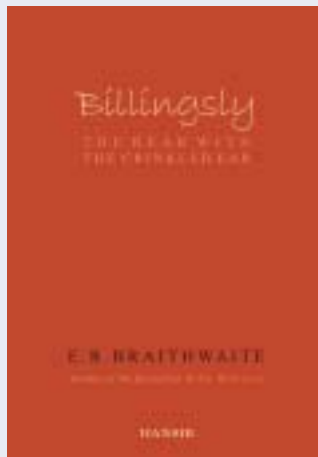
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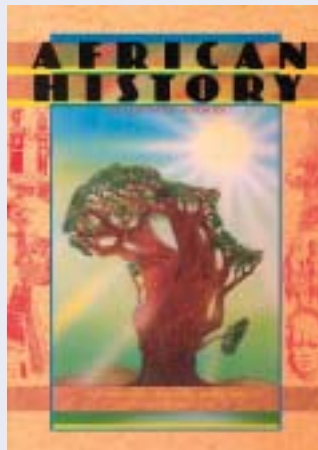
"That's fine," said Billingsly, "so I'll tell you a secret. It's only for you. My left ear is for hearing things, all sorts of things. They're just sounds and are not important to me. But my right ear is for listening. It will open only when someone speaks directly to me, the way you did. When you're not talking to me it will curl up again. You're the only person who has ever talked to me and you're the only person for whom my listening ear has opened."

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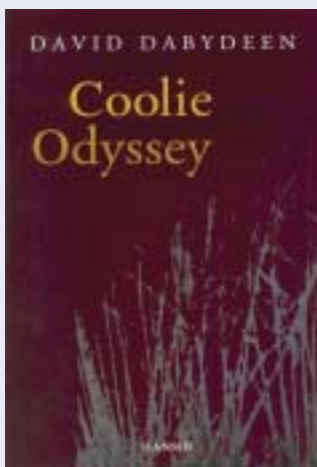
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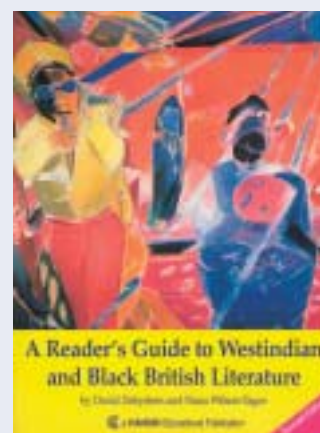
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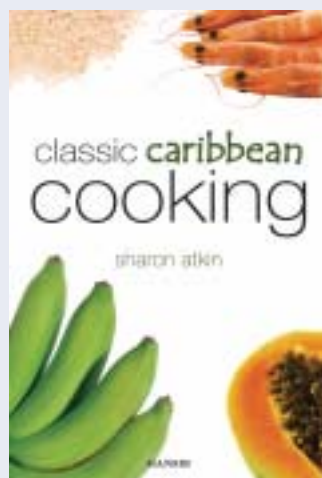
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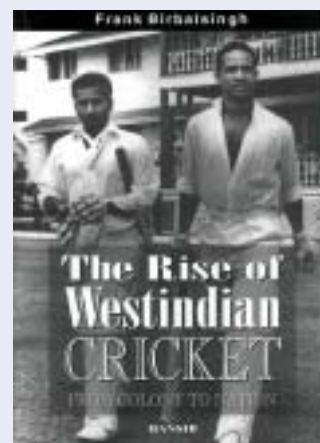
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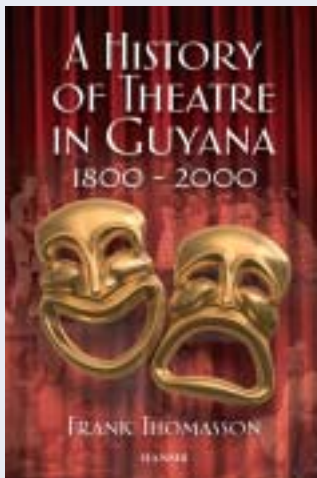
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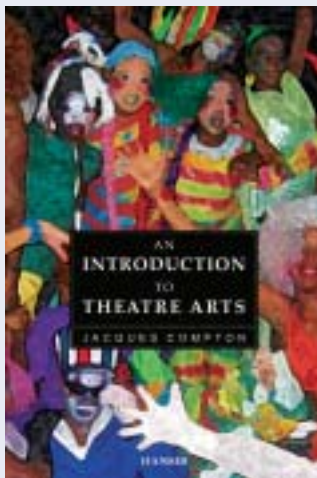
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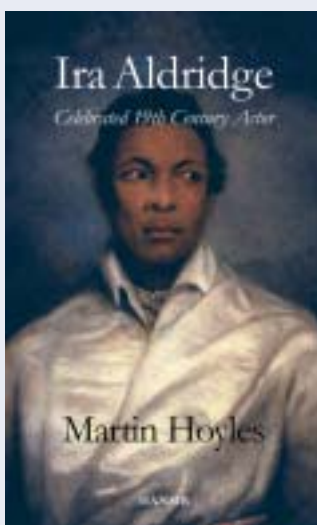


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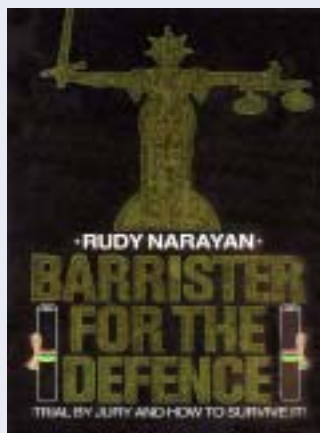
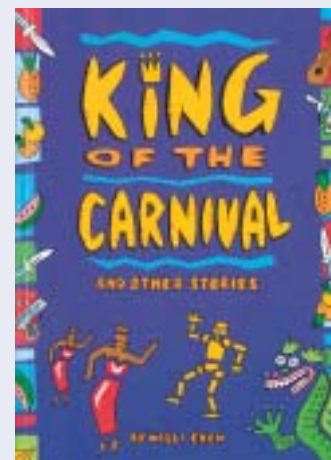
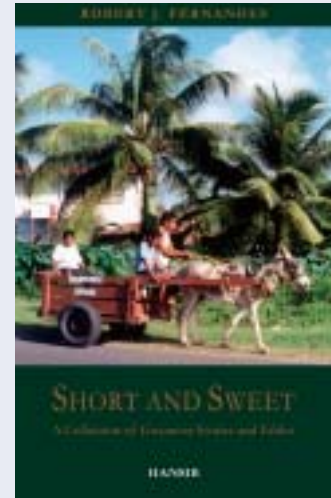
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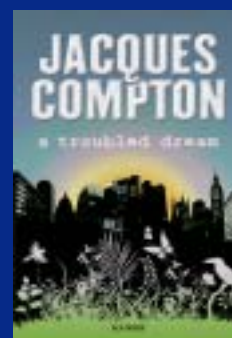
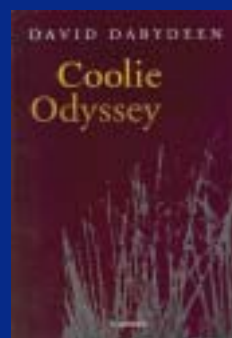
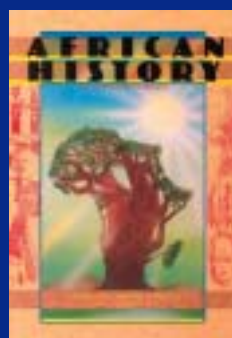
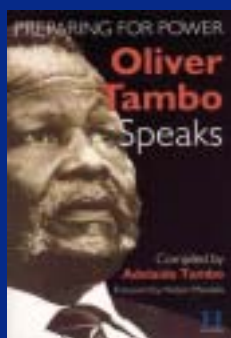
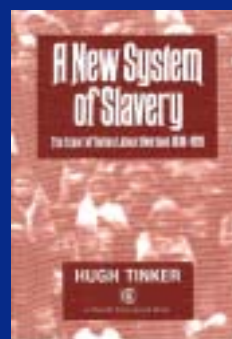
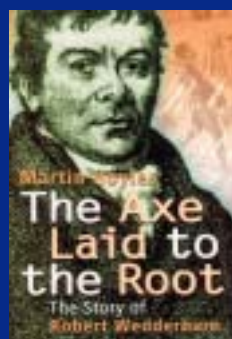
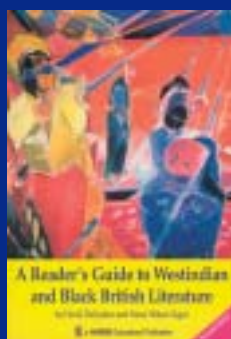
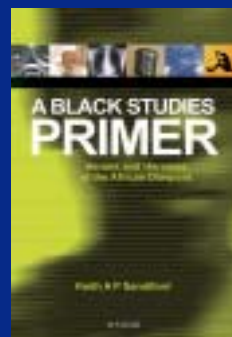
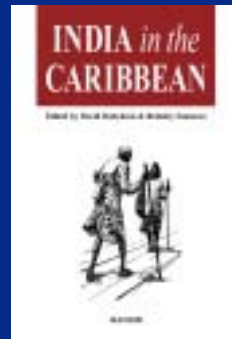
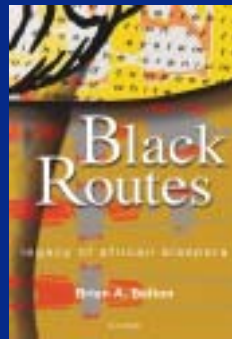
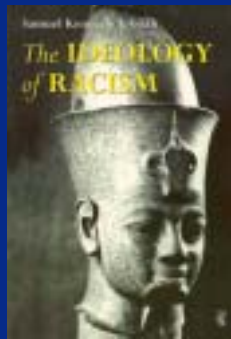
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