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# Going Home To Teach

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# Introduction to Macmillan Edition

In 1975, after being away from Jamaica for thirteen years, I returned home intending to teach and give back to my homeland whatever I could. Michael Manley was the prime minister at the time and his swashbuckling, intemperate oratory was driving the middle classes away in droves. There was a drastic shortage of teachers, and in no time I found a job as a lecturer in English at a teachers' college in a rural parish. My return home lasted one year. It was a hard year, one of the worst in recent Jamaican history. The island was destitute, crime was soaring, and many people expected Jamaica to follow the example of Cuba and fall to the communists. *Going Home to Teach* is the story of that year.

When I began writing *Going Home to Teach* I was squeamishly aware that I was not famous; that although I had written three novels, I was virtually unknown outside of Jamaica; that I had distinguished myself in no particular way; and that writing an autobiographical book expressing opinions on Jamaican culture might seem to some an act of presumptuousness.

It is a rhetorical convention to allow the famous to pontificate even in a field outside of their expertise. That is why football players can endorse pain relievers on television as if they were doctors. It is also why Bertrand Russell, the English

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