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New Vic Reid novel starts series for WI

A NEW BOOK by Victor S. Reid, titled *Sixty Five* has just been published in London under the joint imprint of Jamaica's Ministry of Education and Longmans, Green and Co. Ltd., publishers.

This novel is the first of the Blue Mountain Library series of books, the aim of which is to provide books specially chosen for the West Indies, and to start with works by West Indian authors suitable for children of the middle age upper school.

The manuscript of "Sixty Five" was obtained, edited and supplied to Longmans by the Publications Branch of the Ministry of Education. The illustrations were done by Jeanne Sibley and were commissioned by and done under the guidance of the Publications Branch.

Sixty Five tells the vivid and exciting story of the Morant Bay uprising in 1865, and the events are seen through the eyes of a young boy whose family is involved in the revolt.

Mr. Reid, Jamaican, who also authored *New Day* and *The Leopard*, is regarded as one of the foremost of West Indian novelists.

Bulk for schools

The Ministry of Education will soon be distributing a bulk quantity of this book free to primary schools; copies will also be distributed, through Longmans, to booksellers throughout the West Indies.

A talk will be given about this book on the BBC Caribbean Service today, starting at 6.15 p.m., by Mr. Timothy Elk of Longmans.

The Ministry intends to add to the Blue Mountain series.

one-act plays, poetry and short stories which are West Indian in content and origin.

West Indian writers for children who have, or would like to prepare manuscripts which they feel would be suitable for the Blue Mountain Library, are invited to submit them to the Publications Branch, Ministry of Education, to the publishers in London, or to the publishers' permanent representative in the Caribbean, Mr. J. C. M. Millar, 6 Ardenne Road, Kingston 10.

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