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UNA MARSON, Jamaican woman writer, lived from 1900 to 1982. Her work is a testament to the power of literature in the struggle for social justice.

Her life

In 1937, Una Marson founded the Readers and Writers Club in Kingston. This organization was instrumental in providing a platform for black artists and writers to share their work and ideas with the broader community.

Towards the Stars

In 1945, after the publication of “Towards the Stars”, a compilation of earlier poems, Una Marson was awarded a Caribbean Literary Prize. This recognition was a significant moment in her career, affirming her status as a leading voice in Caribbean literature.

In 1965, Sylvia Wynter, a younger Jamaican woman writer, published poems and essays that continue to inspire and challenge readers today. Her life and work are a testament to the enduring legacy of Una Marson and the rich cultural heritage of the Caribbean.