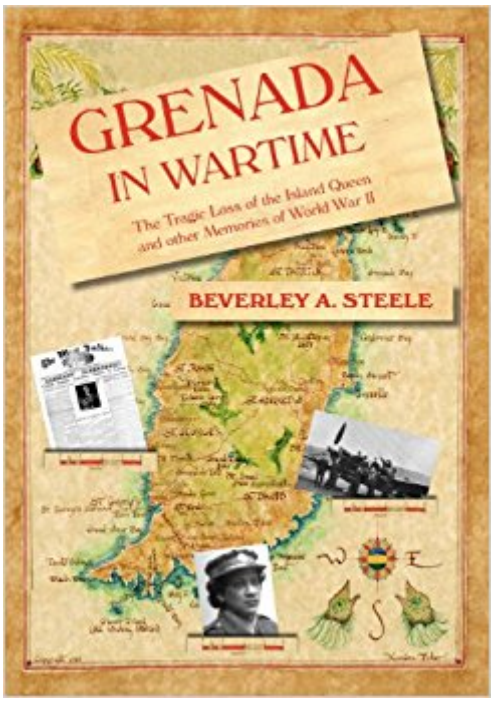
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Synopsis

Have you ever looked up at the sky and seen a huge object coming towards you which you could not identify? Have you ever wondered what would happen if your country could import or export nothing at all? Have you experienced what it is like to have a loved one leave home and never come back? Have you ever waited months on end for a boat arrive that never does? For 60 years to pass and so many questions still left unanswered? Located in the Caribbean, one would think that Grenada was geographically distant from the chaos that was World War II. But the war not only significantly altered the daily lives of hundreds of Grenadians, but also influenced the culture of the Spice Isle as we know it today. With Grenada being a British colony at the time, many Grenadians went off to fight in the war, with relatives never knowing if they would ever see them again. The greatest tragedies during the war, however, happened close to home. On what turned out to be a baneful day - August 5th, 1944 - two boats left on an excursion from Grenada to St. Vincent. Only one, the Providence Mark arrived at its destination. The Island Queen disappeared with 67 passengers and crew and over 60 years later, there are still no answers to comfort those who lost relatives on that unlucky boat. The tragedy is still remembered although with the passage of time it is almost a completely new generation who recall this event, and who are morn. In 'Grenada in Wartime', each page is a learning experience, and as a reader you will get the chance to witness the reality of the island during the war, as well as how its people dealt, and continue to deal, with the ominous disappearance of the Island Queen. Steele's readers are given the opportunity to take a step through Grenada in the mid-1940s. Look into the minds of a child terrified by the sounds of war planes overhead, mothers and fathers doing their best to protect their families from the privations and horrors of the war, or the fathers and mothers who lost each other or vibrant youngsters with the mysterious disappearance of the Island Queen. Beverley A. Steele's Grenada in Wartime tells the collective story of what happened to the people of Grenada during World War II- their tragedies and remarkably resilient nature - in one steady breath. Steele acts as the voice of Grenada's population as she records the experiences of Grenada during World War II - the sacrifices, the hardships, the strength, the compassion, the innovations, and the Grenadian strength of will to keep on going. Grenada in Wartime also documents an admirable response to national tragedy. No one can ignore the disasters and hard times in their history, but they can keep them close to their hearts while they continue to do what they have to do to keep the society moving forward.

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Few authors have written about the Second World War and the Caribbean, specifically the island of Grenada.Beverley SteeleÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s book, "Grenada in Wartime: the Tragic Loss of the Island Queen and other Memories of World War II" is the best of the few."Grenada in Wartime" is a readable, flowing account of the Grenadian and Caribbean experience during WWII. The narrative is a social history that fulfills oneÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s curiosity ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ What was life like during those years? Where did enlisted men of Grenada go to serve? Did citizens of the island suffer privations? What about U-boats?The anguish of the loss of those who died is touching because author Steele interviewed many people and obtained stories about friends and family during the war years.The central tragedy was the disappearance of the vessel "Island Queen" early August 1944 where around 67 or more on board disappeared, many of them young people. Who was on board? Who might have been on board? What are the many theories about Island QueenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s disappearance?The bookÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s large size, photographs, maps, illustrations and detailed resource information, including a bibliography of related titles, enhance its contents.Recommended for every household in Grenada and every collection of books on the history of Grenada and the islands in the Eastern Caribbean sea.

Recommended reading for anyone from, visiting, or just interested In our tiny island. The Island Queen’s mysterious disappearance is one, if not "the", most famous island tragedies (also Janet). Ms. Steele goes to all of the main sources and almost all of the remaining family members to delve into not just what happened, but also the backstory of the family and the aftermath. We’re just barely

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Very informative

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