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The Governor's Story: The Authorised Biography Of Dame Hilda Bynoe

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The subject of this authorized biography, Grenada’s first female Governor Dame Hilda Bynoe, told author Merle Collins: “Demonstrators had been marching along the road past Government House and chanting ‘Belmar must go and Gairy too!’ And I would stand on the balcony and...
look at them. When the demonstrators added â€œthe Governorâ™s to the chant, Dame Bynoe felt the level of disrespect towards her and her position as Governor signaled her to resign. A few days later, the same day Maurice Bishopâ™s father was killed, Hilda Bynoe left her native land, Grenada. Dr. Bynoeâ™s story illustrates the force of pressures upon her decision. The word âœgraceâ comes to mind about Hilda Gibbs Bynoe who moved through her life with intellectual finesse, sensibility, and sentiment grounded in family, extended family, friends and communal bonds. What a treat to read about the complexities of her life, so like us all with varying tones of grey. Nothing in her life was black or white, especially during the tumultuous political times in Grenada, the West Indies. Writer, Professor and Grenadian Merle Collins has written an accessible story told within the rich context of Grenadian society and the deep contradictions felt by a woman, wife and mother. Highly recommended not only for academic libraries and womenâ™s collections, but also for general libraries. As for retail purchase, why not pick up the story of Dame Hilda Bynoe and get for yourself a compact history of Grenada in one excellently-written book.

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