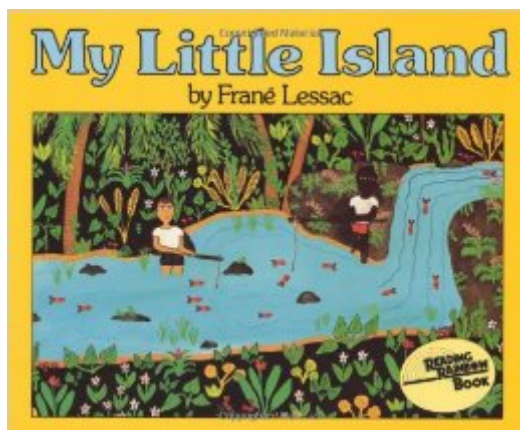


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My Little Island (Reading Rainbow, 1987)



Synopsis

Fiery colors and hundreds of details evoke the sunâ “drenched beauty, the sweet smells, and the joyful sounds of a jewelâ “like little Caribbean island that a young boy rediscovers while on a visit with his best friend. Ages 3â “6

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

It's important to note that recent events have added poignancy to Lessac's tribute to her home island. This charming book is a record of an island practically destroyed by a recent volcanic eruption. "My Little Island" is the island of Montserrat, three-quarters of which lies buried under layers of volcanic ash. All the colors and the activity of the people portrayed here are fond memories. What a wonderful opportunity to talk to children about the things they would cherish about their own homes. And what a joyous appreciation of a lifestyle also typical of other Leeward islands.

I like the pictures in this book. The book made me wonder what goat-water stew and guavas are. I wonder if people still live on Montserrat since the volcano erupted. I wish I could go there to swim, fish, and visit the market. I am 6 1/2 years old.

Both my parents worked when I was kid. My younger sister and I used to stay at home and play. Every mid-afternoon we would stop playing and run to turn on MPT (PBS) and watch Reading Rainbow. We were never disappointed-- even the theme song pleased us and we would sing and dance to it. MY LITTLE ISLAND was one of my favorite episodes-- I have not read or seen this book in 12 years yet I remember so much from it: seeing the island overhead, looking exactly like a large swimming turtle, the market scene (the clothes and fruit compete with each other, both are so delicious to look at), and the night fishing. This is a beautiful book-- beautifully written, beautifully illustrated. Read it only once and I guarantee neither you or the one whom it is read to will forget it.

This book is absolutely beautiful. The illustrations are incredibly colorful and true to life in the islands. The volcano that has erupted and buried Montserrat is mentioned and shown in the book, and though Montserrat is now buried under ash and not at all like the paintings in the book, your child does not have to know the details. My three year old loves this story and pictures. He is familiar with Carnival and many of the "island" fruits and vegetables mentioned in the book. If you live outside the Caribbean, you could go to an island marketplace with your child and actually find and eat these delicacies. Overall, this is a wonderful story about a boy and his best friend who travel to Montserrat for an all-too-short vacation. Again, for you statesiders who have not been to the Caribbean with your kids, you will have to explain some of the pictures; however, this is what imaginations are for. Enjoy the book. Highly recommended.

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