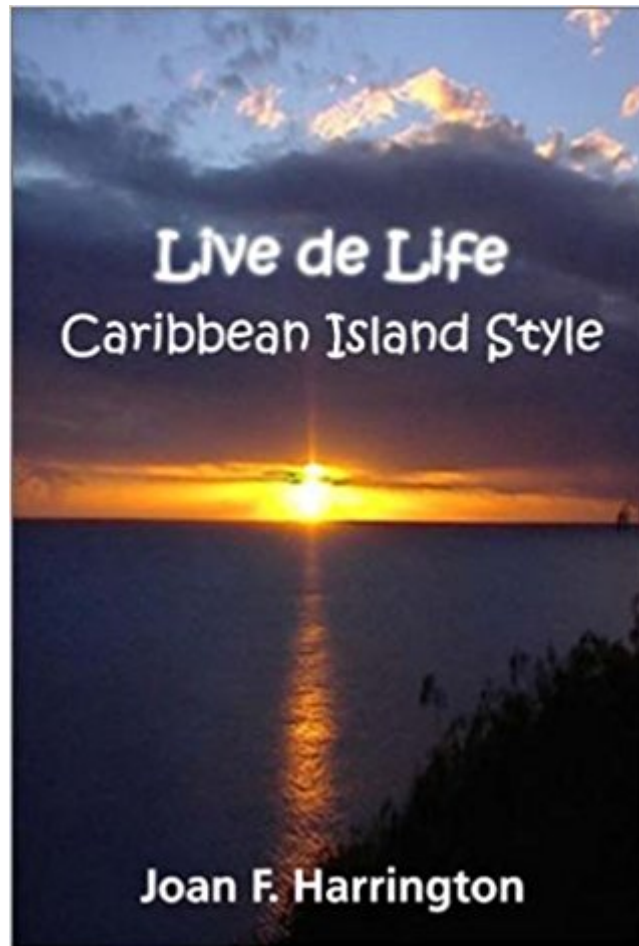




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Live De Life: Caribbean Island Style



Synopsis

This is the tale of the pleasures and challenges that Bill and Joan F. Harrington experienced as they followed their dream of retirement on the island of St. Kitts in the West Indies. Ignoring traditional retirement spots in the United States, they built their picture-book home on the cliffs overlooking the Caribbean. The warmth, friendliness and humor of the islanders provided a wealth of stories to tell. They also found the history of the island especially intriguing, since they discovered closer ties to their own country than they realized. If you are considering retirement, you can learn from their experiences. Caribbean island life is an interesting option to explore.

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Customer Reviews

When she is not residing in St. Kitts, Joan F. Harrington lives in Warwick, Rhode Island. She has six children and fourteen grandchildren. Before retirement five years ago, she taught senior high school English in the Cranston, Rhode Island School System and writing courses at the University of Rhode Island where she earned her Ph.D. in English Literature and Writing.

I bought this book when I was looking to possibly move to St. Kitts for a job - the only literature I could really find was tourism-type reading, so I was hoping this book would deliver some different perspective. I think a lot of Joan's story is interesting, but the book kind of jumped around a lot and I didn't think it was written/executed very well. Some of the stories could have gone deeper, and others probably didn't need to be talked about in depth like they were (such as all of the different tenants).

I have been to St. Kitts and met Joan Harrington and her husband in a restaurant. Her husband told us about her book and I came back to the U. S. and ordered it. I couldn't put it down! She was very thorough in writing about restaurants, shopping, grocery stores, and the culture of the people. I recognized so many places she talked about when we were there several times on vacation. We have fallen in love with the island just as Joan has. Her writing is excellent in descriptions and also funny stories about so many incidents that have happened to them. All are fascinating.

There are a lot of good books out there on island life, island living, moving to and sailing around Caribbean islands. Unfortunately, this isn't one of them. I was variously angry and astonished at Harrington's attitude and seeming obliviousness to her own ignorance. An upper-middle-class American couple transplants its lifestyle and sensibilities to a Caribbean island? So what? I'm left wondering why they bothered, and why I bothered buying this book.

Live de Life is a good read for someone that is considering living in St. Kitts. Joan Harrington does a very good job of describing their experience. Unfortunately I had a hard time getting through the details of the book. Joan's Republican and Catholic view points made it difficult for me to relate to her. But if you are considering moving to St. Kitts this book would be worth the read. I received a complimentary copy of Live de Life as a member of the Dorrance Publishing Book Review Team. Visit dorrancebookstore.com to learn how you can become a member of the Book Review Team.

This is a thoroughly enjoyable book filled with vivid descriptions of St. Kitts and its people. Joan's style of writing enables the reader to be swept away into the relaxing lifestyle of island living. Her humorous tales are interspersed with many historical facts about the Caribbean.

Anyone interested in the Caribbean will enjoy this book. Beautifully written, it explores the magnificence of St. Kitts and captures the spirit and soul of the island's people. Personal experiences and fascinating anecdotes provide colorful examples of "de life."

Highly recommended! This entertaining and educational read is like getting a private tour of the magical island of St. Kitts. It's full of personality, spirit and humor. Read and you'll be recommending it!

Book was boring!!!!!! Can't believe I finished it. Great idea for a book, but author spent too much time telling history or talking (on and on) about people from the island. Was expecting more adventures.

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