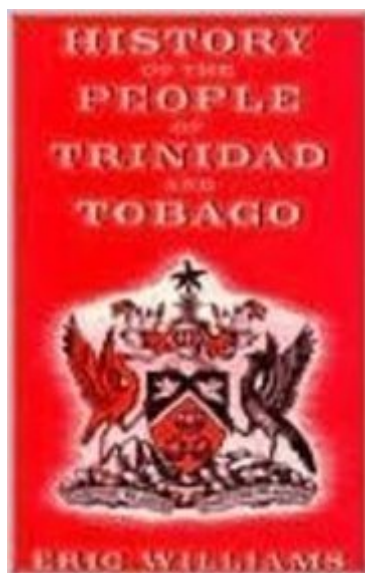


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# History Of The People Of Trinidad & Tobago



## Synopsis

Dr. Eric Williams was Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago from 1961 until his death in 1981. He built his reputation as a historian as Professor of Political and Social Science at Howard University, before turning to active politics, founding the People's National Movement (PNM) and leading Trinidad and Tobago to independence in 1962. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Perhaps I was looking for a bit of a lighter work on the subject of the history of Trinidad and Tobago. This particular title by Eric Williams, the first Prime Minister of T&T is a bit more academic than what I was looking for. It does, however, deliver with quite a bit of interesting information on the roots and evolution of Trinidadian culture. From the days before Christopher Columbus claimed the island for Spain through the years of the island changing hands and struggling to survive through horrible mismanagement, right up to its struggle for independence from the crown, it appears that Mr. Williams doesn't miss a single detail. However, I don't have anything to compare it to with this being the first title I have read concerning the history of Trinidad and Tobago. If you are looking for light reading and general info concerning T&T, your best bet is probably a travel guide...but if you are looking for a comprehensive history of the country, this book is a great starting point!

A history of Trinidad and Tobago by its "father" is clearly invaluable as a primary document, and also as a lead to other primary documents he quotes. Readers should be aware, though, of the context in which it was written - hastily, without thorough editing, and obviously from a position of relative bias given his role in Trinidad's independence movement. Nonetheless, essential reading

for anyone interested in learning about or researching Trinidad & Tobago.

I'm a Trinidadian American trying to learn about my historical background. These previous reviewers convinced me to buy this book. I love it. It is verrrrry in depth. More so than I anticipated. This book helped to elucidate many facts that were unclear to me. It's not an easy read, but just take your time with it. It is a learning experience. I would have liked to learn more about the slavery of blacks and semi-slavery of Indians but it was enough information to get a taste. I'm glad with the amount of information that I acquired with this book. It is very informative. I'm not into historical studies, but I really enjoyed this book. Sometimes it was a bit tedious, but all in all very knowledgeable information. Great read for American Trinis who want to learn their heritage which is very important!

History of the people of Trinidad and Tobago is an impressive scholarly work. It assesses the political background and the historical struggles of a once colonized and subjugated populations of what is now known as the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. It also addressed their aspirations. Not only had it enhanced the ability of their nationals to relate politically to the outside world, but it also allowed them to communicate intellectually. It was a timely and a critical move on the author's part to address the social and political ills of colonialism and educate the nationals of the twin isle nations to embrace their national independence with pride, dignity, and political integrity.

Always love reading about my country and remembering all the things the generations had gone through but sadly and heartbreaking OUR sweet island is struggling after all this time. So reading this book brings me sadness and happiness all at once.

I purchased this book to learn about Trinidad and Tobago before visiting on vacation. I was pleasantly surprised by Williams' wit and sarcasm. The book moves at a good pace and includes anecdotes, numbers and interesting quotes. I feel like I have an adequate grasp of TT history now that I've read this book. I actually enjoyed it so much that I ordered another of Williams' books.

Very informative, well written. Book arrived earlier than promised. A's in excellent condition.

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