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America praises a remarkable first novel

# NEW DAY

by

## V. S. Reid

### THE AUTHOR

Born in Kingston, the capital of the Caribbean island of Jamaica, Victor Reid, whose ancestors went from Africa to the West Indies over 200 years ago, is a widely travelled newspaperman. His historical novel, *New Day*, based on the famous Morant Bay Rebellion of 1865, was published in this country by Heinemann (1949) and in the United States by Knopf. It was one of the first books with a distinctive West Indian character to come out of the West Indies and aroused a great deal of interest.

Mr. Reid lived in England in 1938 and again visited this country in 1953 when he represented the Jamaica Press at the Coronation. He is married and has three children. He is the author of several short stories and articles which have appeared in English, Caribbean and American publications.

"Here is a new way of writing English, with a cadence and a vocabulary we have never heard before. . . . This is an extraordinary first novel. In the midst of so many false and contrived stories of so-called romance, here is a book of human quality, solid as stone and fluid as river water, and handsome as a Caribbean morning."

*Chicago Tribune*

"*New Day* is a liquid, lyrical thing of wondrous beauty."

*New York Herald Tribune*

"Mr. Reid writes of Jamaicans with deep compassion and yet with the understanding that draws out all the impulsiveness, generosity and humour of their ways."

*Washington Star*

"... we welcome a new talent with enthusiasm. It is some time since so remarkable a prose has come along—if it can be called prose. It sings."

*New York Sun*

"Best of all is the clear, singing style, which the author handles with musicianship and assurance."

*Saturday Review*

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