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Olive Senior's collections of poems and short stories have won her wide acclaim at home and abroad. Her first collection of short stories, *Summer Lightning*, won her the Commonwealth Prize for Literature in 1987. She has produced two books of poems, *Talking of Trees* (1986) and *Gardening in the Tropics* (1994).

A former editor of Jamaica Journal, she has also produced several scholarly works. In 1988 she was awarded the Silver Musgrave Medal of the Institute of Jamaica for Literature.