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CITATION FOR OLIVE SENIOR

Olive Senior has spent her life in the world of words and her writing career has been an unusual blend of the practical and the creative. On the practical side, she has been Publications Editor of the Institute of Social and Economic Research of the University of the West Indies, and has herself written two non-fiction books, The Message is Change^{and} the widely popular A - Z of Jamaican Heritage. For the past six years, she has been Managing Director of the Institute of Jamaica Publications Ltd and Editor of the Institute's quarterly, the Jamaica Journal, a magazine which has consistently maintained a high standard, ~~while~~ presenting the history and culture of Jamaica to its people and the world at large.

At the same time, Olive has quietly and persistently nurtured and expanded her own creative abilities.

In 1985, her first collection of poetry, Talking of Trees, was published; in the following year, Summer Lightⁿing an anthology of short stories, which included some of her prize winning stories from Festivals Literary Competitions, was published by Longmans, a publication which earned for her the prestigious and coveted commonwealth prize for Literature.

The Institute of Jamaica is exceedingly proud to count Olive Senior as a Member of the Institute family and is pleased to award her a Silver Musgrave Medal for 1988 for her outstanding contribution in the field of Literature.