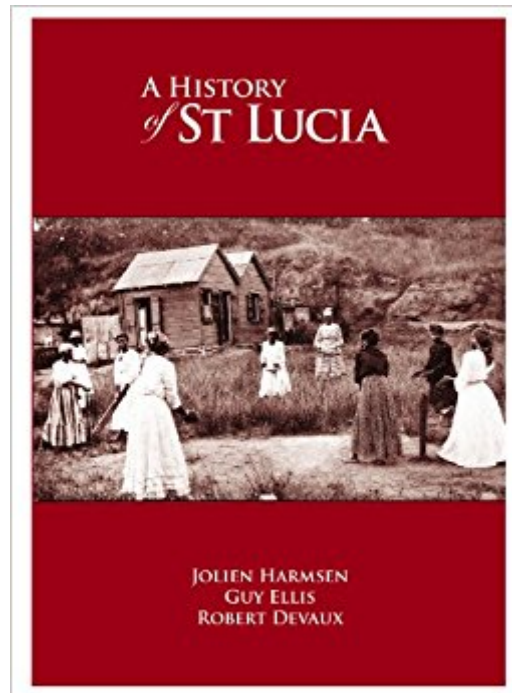




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Love this book, as a St. Lucian I was able to learn a lot about my island.

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