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### Review

'Grace Nichols came to Britain from Guyana at the age of 27 and she has carried the warmth of her Caribbean sensibility through many a cold English winter. Her poems celebrate sensuality and generosity and attack petty mean-spiritedness - Deeply Caribbean in sensibility, she writes sensitively of other traditions, especially Africa and India' - Peter Forbes, Contemporary Writers. 'From her first collection in 1983, "I Is a Long Memored Woman", she has been a strong presence in the linguistic interweave between the Caribbean and the UK. Her poetry and prose move easily between the poised world of Western culture, Old World history and myth, and the gritty rhythms of the Caribbean everyday - There is wit, irony and passion - real poise' - Michelene Wandor, Poetry Review.

### About the Author

Born in Guyana, Grace Nichols has lived in Britain since 1977. Her first collection, *I is a Long Memored Woman* (1983) won the Commonwealth Poetry Prize. Her later poetry collections - published by Virago - include *The Fat Black Woman's Poems* (1984), *Lazy Thoughts of a Lazy Woman* (1989), *Sunris* (1996), winner of the Guyana Prize, and *Startling the Flying Fish* (2006), poems which tell the story of the Caribbean, along with numerous poetry books for younger readers, including *Come on into My Tropical Garden* (1988), *Give Yourself a Hug* (1994) and *Everybody Got a Gift* (2005). She has published two books with Bloodaxe, her latest collection, *Picasso, I Want My Face Back* (2009), and *I Have Crossed an Ocean: Selected Poems* (2010), published on the occasion of her 60th birthday. She lives in Sussex with the poet John Agard and their family.

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