

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2022

THEME:

“Black Health & Wellness”

The month of February is celebrated as Black History Month annually.

Hence, in solidarity of BHM 2022 we have compiled excerpts, insightful words, and quotes from historic speeches, letters and powerful writing from civil rights icons and modern figures among others.

The organization that formed Black History Month has dubbed this year’s theme “Black Health and Wellness”

(Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)).



Toni Morrison

“The very serious function of racism is distraction. It keeps you from doing your work. It keeps you explaining, over and over again, your reason for being.”

Born: February 18, 1931, Lorain, OH.

Died: August 5, 2019

Awards and Honours: NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work Non-Fiction (2020); PEN/Saul Bellow Award for Achievement in American Fiction (2016); Ivan Sandrof Lifetime Achievement Award (2015); Presidential Medal of Freedom (2012); Nobel Peace Prize (1993)...

Several of Toni Morrison novels are available in the Mona Library collection. These include:

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Sula / Toni Morrison

Open Shelf Book (PS3563.O8749 S8 2002)



OPEN SHELF BOOK

Beloved: A novel / by Toni Morrison; [with a new forward by the author]. 2004
Open Shelf Book (PS3563 .O8749 B433 2004)



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Tar baby / Toni Morrison. 1982
Course Reserve Book (RBC) (PS3563.O8749 T372 1982)
West Indies Book (PS3563.O8749 T372 1997)



Song of Solomon / Toni Morrison. 2004.

Course Reserve Book (RBC) (PS3563 .O8749 S6 2004)





Barack Obama

“Do we care to match the reality of America to its ideals?”

Born: August 4, 1961- Kapiolani, Honolulu, HI

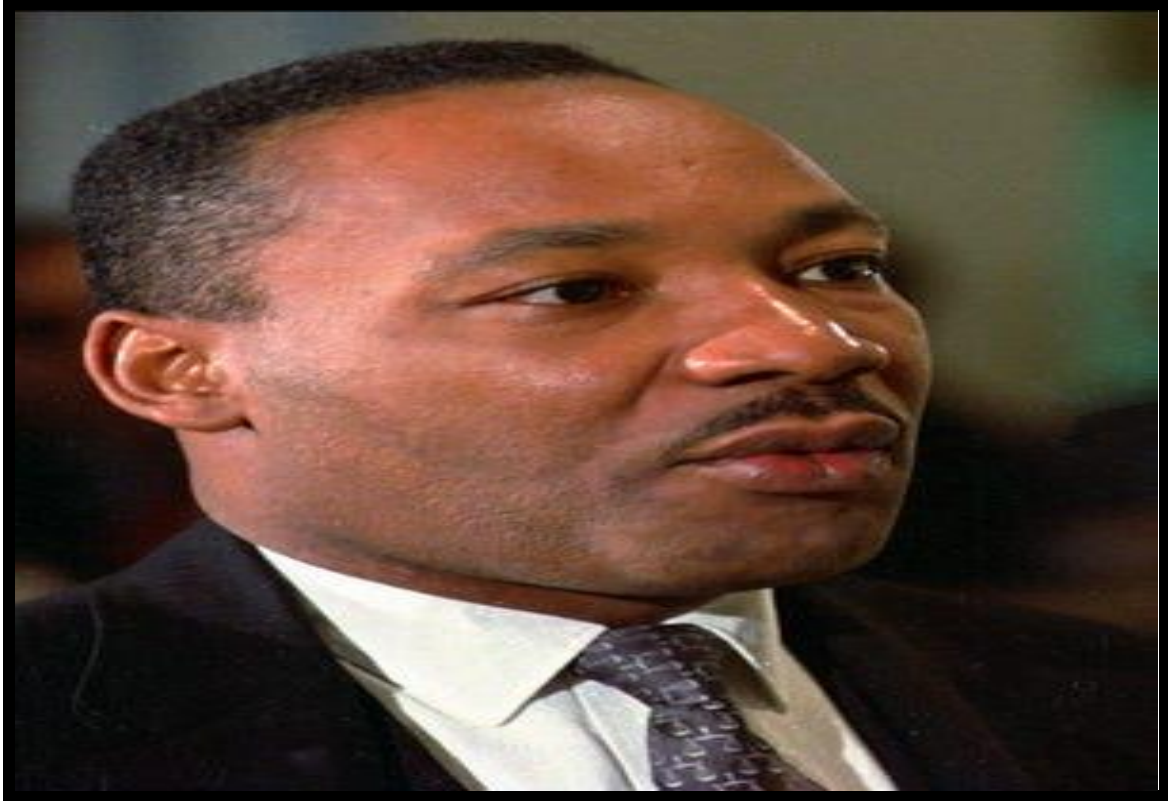
Awards and Honours: Nobel Peace Prize (2009); Grammy Award for Best Spoken Word Album (2008, 2006); Profile in Courage Award (2027); Goodreads Choice Awards Best Memoir & Autobiography (2020); NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work-Nonfiction (2021, 2007);

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Award for Hero of the Year (2013); Shorty Industry Award for Best Use of User-Generated Content (2018); Ripple of Hope Award (2018)...

President Barack Obama visited Jamaica April 8, 2015. On April 9, 2015 Jamaica hosted an event between the President of the United States, Barack Obama and the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to discuss issues on CARICON-US Agenda including security and trade. The parties also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest.





Martin Luther King Jr.

“Human salvation lies in the hands of the creatively maladjusted.”

Born: January 15, 1929, Atlanta, GA.

Assassinated: April 4, 1968

Awards and Honours: The Nobel Peace Prize (1964)

Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesman and leader in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968.

"I Have a Dream" is a public speech that was delivered by American civil rights activist and Baptist minister, Martin Luther King Jr., during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963. In the speech, King called for civil and economic rights and an end to racism in the United States.

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The Papers of Martin Luther King, Jr. Volume III, Birth of a new age, December 1955-December 1956 / senior editor, Clayborne Carson ; volume editors, Stewart Burns ... [et al.].

Open Shelf Book (E185.97.K5 A2 1997)



A Testament of hope: the essential writings and speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr. / edited by James Melvin

Open Shelf Book (E185.97.K5 A25 1991)



The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr. / edited by Clayborne Carson.

Open Shelf Book (E185.97 .K5 A52 2001)



WEST INDIES & SPECIAL COLLECTION

The words of Martin Luther King, Jr. / selected by Coretta Scott King.

Edward Seaga Book (E185.97 .K5 A26 1983)



Harriet Tubman

“God’s time [Emancipation] is always near. He set the North Star in the heavens; He gave me the strength in my limbs; He meant I should be free.”

Born: 1820? Dorchester County, MD.

Died: March 10, 1913

Harriet Tubman was an American abolitionist and political activist. Born into slavery, Tubman escaped and subsequently made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including family and friends, using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad.

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Harriet: The Moses of her people / Sarah H. Bradford (Sarah Hopkins), b. 1818.

Open Shelf Book (E444 .T892 1897)

The Harriet Tubman review

West Indies Pamphlet (HM881 .H37 1981)



Harriet Tubman. 2005. Online access.



Maya Angelou

“Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.”

Born: April 4, 1928, St. Louis, MO

Died: May 28, 2014

Awards and Honours: Presidential Medal of Freedom (2011); National Medal of Arts (2000);

Maya Angelou was an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry,

and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years. She received dozens of awards and more than 50 honorary degrees.

Maya Angelou was honoured by universities, literary organizations, government agencies, and special interest groups. Her honours included a Pulitzer Prize nomination for her book of poetry, *Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Diiie!*

In 2021, United States Mint announced that Angelou would be among the first women depicted on the reverse of the quarter as part of the American Women Quarters Series. The coins were released in January 2022. She is the first Black woman to be depicted on a quarter.

A number of her novels can be accessed from the Mona Library's collection

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And Still I Rise / Maya Angelou. 1978.

Open Shelf Book (PS3551.N464 A8 1978)



I know Why the Cage Bird Sing / Maya Angelou. 1969.

Open Shelf Book (PS3551 .N3643 Z466 1969)



All God's Children Need Travelling Shoes

Open Shelf Book (E185.97 .A56A268 1986)



Marcus Garvey

“If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life.”

Born: August 17, 1887, Saint Ann's Bay, Jamaica

Died: June 10, 1940

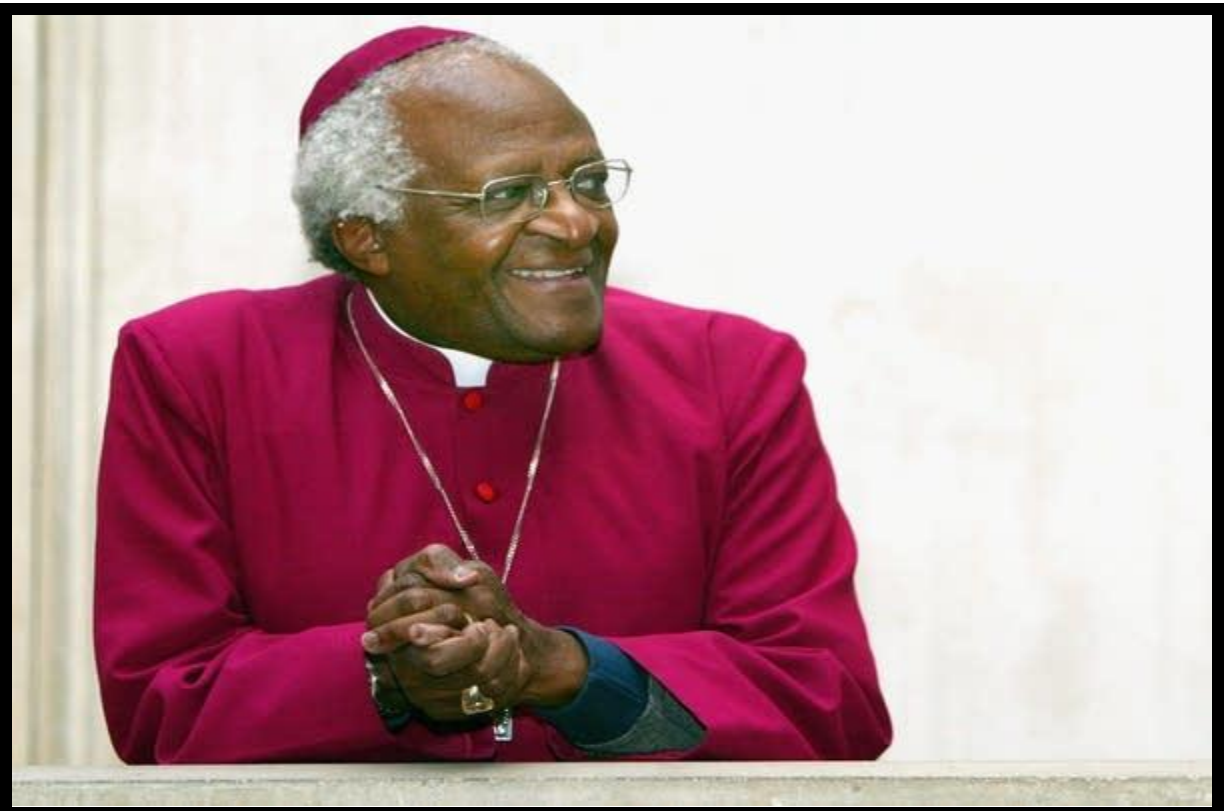
Marcus Mosiah Garvey Sr. ONH was a Jamaican political activist, publisher, journalist, entrepreneur, and orator. He was the founder and first President-General of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League, through which he declared himself Provisional President of Africa.

Influential readings on Marcus Garvey are accessible in the West Indies & Special Collection (WI&SC):

Marcus Garvey / Vertical File



- ✓ MG: Movement and Philosophy
- ✓ MG: His Cumulative Impact
- ✓ MG and the Early Rastafarians
- ✓ MG: Jamal Booklet



Desmond Tutu

“My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together.”

Born: October 7, 1931

Died: December 26, 2021 (aged 90)

Awards and Honours: Templeton Prize (2013); Presidential Medal of Freedom (2009); Nobel Prize (1994)

Archbishop Desmond Tutu visited Jamaica in August 1986 as a special guest of the government and was honoured with the Order of Jamaica (OJ) in recognition of his anti-apartheid work.

During his visit, Archbishop Tutu paid a courtesy call on the governor general where he acknowledged Jamaica's staunch support for the anti-apartheid movement. Thanking the government for their commitment and support to their struggle for justice and peace.

He also laid a floral tribute to Jamaica's first National Hero Marcus Garvey by National Heroes' Park on the occasion of the hero's 99th birthday.

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No future without forgiveness / Desmond Mpilo Tutu.

Course Reserve Book (RBC) (BR1450 .T88 1999)



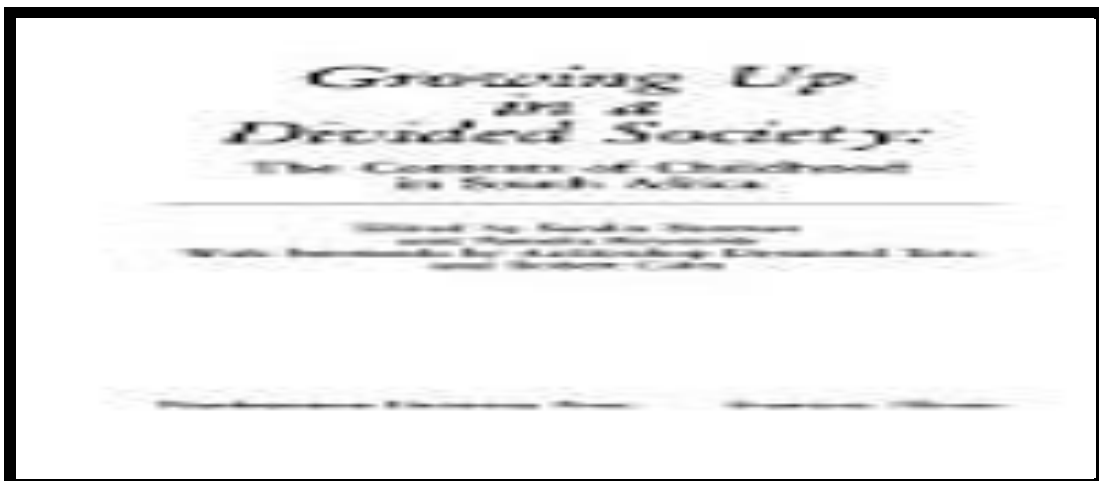
The Rainbow people of God: The making of a peaceful revolution / Desmond Tutu; edited by John Allen.

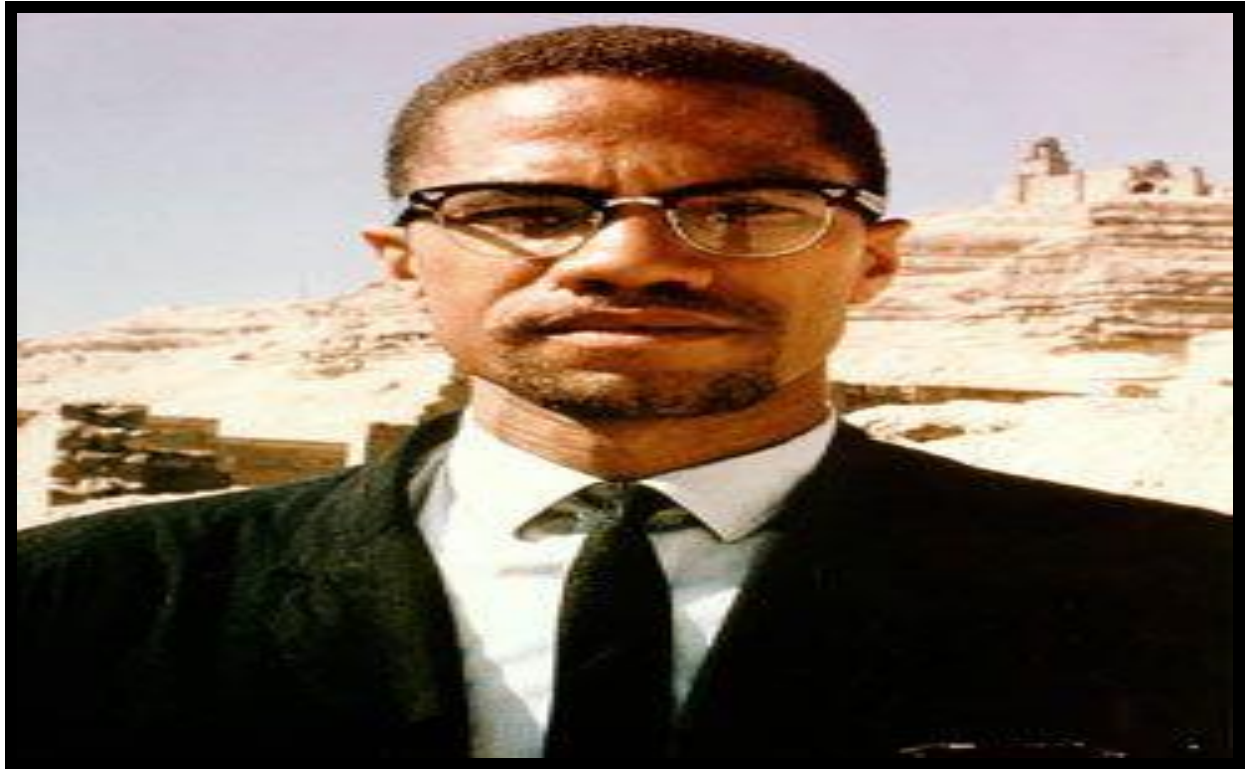
Open Shelf Book (DT1756 .T88 1994)



Growing up in a divided society: The contexts of childhood in South Africa /
edited by Sandra Burman and Pamela Reynolds; with forewords by Desmond
Tutu and Robert Coles.

Open Shelf Book (HQ792.S6 G76 1990)





Malcolm X

"You're not supposed to be so blind with patriotism that you can't face reality. Wrong is wrong, no matter who says it."

Born: May 19, 1925, Omaha, NE

Assassinated: February 21, 1965 Audubon Ballroom

Malcolm X was an African-American Muslim minister and human rights activist who was a prominent figure during the civil rights movement.

As a rebellious youngster he became involved in petty criminal activities in his teenage years. While in prison for robbery from 1946 to 1952, he underwent a conversion that eventually led him to join the Nation of Islam, an African American movement that combined elements of Islam with Black Nationalism.

Through the influence of the Nation of Islam, Malcolm X helped to change the terms used to refer to African Americans from "Negro" and "coloured" to "Black" and "Afro-American."

On February 21, 1965, Malcolm was assassinated while delivering a lecture at the Audubon Ballroom in Washington Heights.

His martyrdom, ideas, and speeches contributed to the development of Black Nationalist ideologist and the Black Power movement and helped to popularize the values of autonomy and independence among African Americans in the 1960s and '70s.

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The autobiography of Malcolm X. With the assistance of Alex Haley. Introduction by M. S. Handler. Epilogue by Alex Haley.

Course Reserve Book (RBC) (E185.97 .L5 A3)



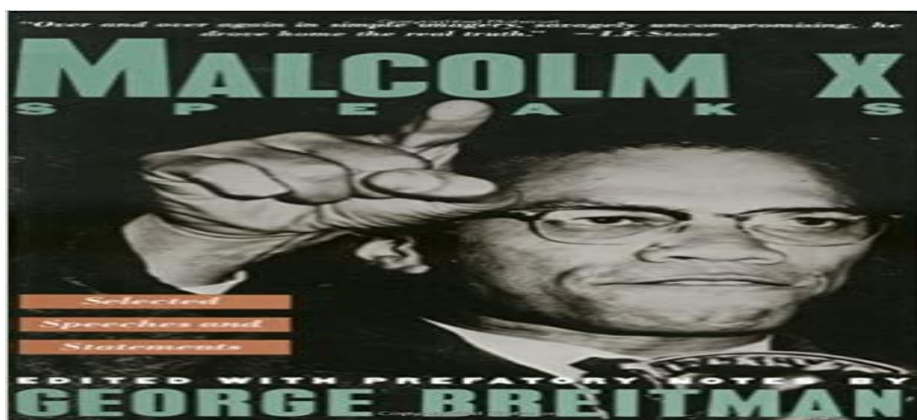
Malcolm X: The last speeches / Malcolm X.

Course Reserve Photocopy (RBC) (Photocopy)



Malcolm X speaks: Selected speeches and statements / edited with prefatory notes by George Breitman.

Open Shelf Book (BP223 .Z8 L5798 1990)



Nanny of the Maroons

“Fought against the British authorities in what is called the “First Maroon War””

Born: 1686, Ghana

Died: 1733, Jamaica

Queen Nanny, Granny Nanny or Nanny of the Maroons ONH, was an 18th-century leader of the Jamaican Maroons. She led a community of formerly enslaved Africans called the Windward Maroons.

In the early 18th century, under the leadership of Nanny, the Windward Maroons fought a guerrilla war over many years against British authorities in the

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Nanny, queen of the maroons / Marguerite Curtain.

West Indies Book (PR9349 .C87 N3)



Samuel Sharpe

Born: 1801??

Died: May 23, 1832

Samuel Sharpe, or Sharp, also known as Sam Sharpe, was an enslaved Jamaican who was the leader of the widespread 1831–1832 Baptist War slave rebellion in Jamaica. Sharpe's originally peaceful protest turned into Jamaica's largest slave rebellion. The uprising lasted for 10 days and spread throughout the entire island, mobilizing as many as 60,000 of Jamaica's enslaved population.

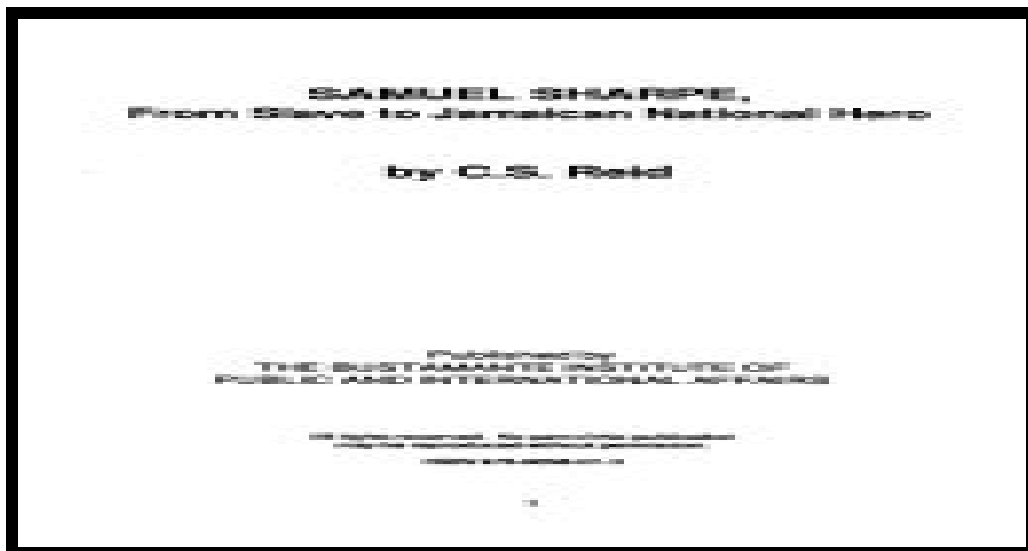
The colonial government used the armed Jamaican military forces and warriors from the towns of the Jamaican Maroons to put down the rebellion, suppressing it within two weeks. He was proclaimed a National Hero of Jamaica in 1975 and his image is on the \$50 Jamaican banknote.

Sam Sharpe

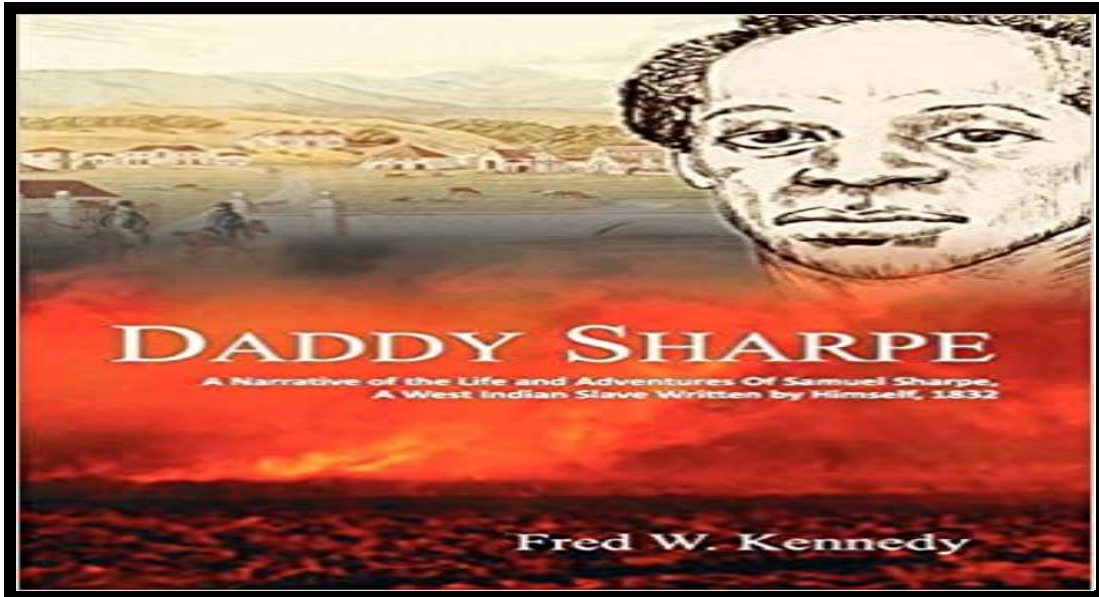
Sam Sharpe told the slaves to sit down and do no work until they were paid. He said he never wanted them to fight, many slaves followed Sharpe's plan. He believed that all slaves should be freed.

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Samuel Sharpe, from slave to Jamaican national hero / by C.S. Reid.
Open Shelf Book (F1886 .R45 1988)



Daddy Sharpe: a narrative of the life and adventures of Samuel Sharpe,
A West Indian slave, written by himself, 1832 / by Fred W. Kennedy.
Open Shelf Book (PR9265.9 .K46 D32 2008)



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