

# Lucille Mathurin Mair: Caribbean Biography Series - A Trailblazing Diplomat and Feminist



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Lucille Mathurin Mair was a Jamaican diplomat, feminist, and social activist who played a significant role in shaping the Caribbean region and beyond. She was a tireless advocate for gender equality and social justice, and her work has left a lasting legacy on the world.

Born in Jamaica in 1925, Mair studied at the University of the West Indies and later at the London School of Economics. She began her career as a teacher, but soon became involved in politics and social activism. In 1952, she was elected to the Jamaican parliament, becoming one of the first women to serve in that body.

Mair's political career was marked by her commitment to social justice and equality. She was a strong advocate for women's rights, and she worked to improve the lives of all Jamaicans. In 1962, she was appointed Jamaica's ambassador to the United Nations, a position she held for 10 years.

As Jamaica's ambassador to the UN, Mair played a leading role in the global movement for women's rights. She was a member of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and she helped to draft the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Mair also worked to promote peace and security in the Caribbean region. She was a strong supporter of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and she served as CARICOM's first secretary-general from 1995 to 2005.

In addition to her work as a diplomat and activist, Mair was also a prolific writer. She published numerous books and articles on topics such as gender equality, social justice, and Caribbean history.

Lucille Mathurin Mair was a true pioneer and a visionary leader. She dedicated her life to fighting for a more just and equitable world, and her work has made a lasting difference in the lives of people around the globe.

## **Early Life and Education**

Lucille Mathurin Mair was born on April 17, 1925, in Grange Hill, Jamaica. Her parents, Herbert and Etheline Mair, were both teachers. Mair had a happy childhood, and she was always encouraged to pursue her education.

Mair attended Wolmer's Girls' School in Kingston, Jamaica, where she excelled in her studies. She went on to attend the University of the West Indies, where she earned a degree in economics. After graduating from the University of the West Indies, Mair went to the London School of Economics, where she earned a degree in social anthropology.

## **Political Career**

Mair began her political career in 1952, when she was elected to the Jamaican parliament. She was one of the first women to serve in the Jamaican parliament, and she quickly became a respected voice for social justice and equality.

Mair's political career was marked by her commitment to women's rights. She was a strong advocate for the right to vote for women, and she worked to improve the lives of all Jamaicans. In 1962, Mair was appointed

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### **Activism and Social Justice**

In addition to her work as a diplomat and politician, Mair was also a tireless activist for social justice. She was a strong supporter of the Black Power movement, and she worked to improve the lives of marginalized communities in Jamaica and around the world.

Mair was also a strong advocate for environmental protection. She was a member of the World Commission on Environment and Development, and she worked to promote sustainable development in the Caribbean region.

### **Legacy**

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Mair's legacy is one of hope and inspiration. She showed us that anything is possible if we have the courage to dream big and to work hard to achieve our goals. She also taught us the importance of standing up for what we believe in, even when it is difficult.

Lucille Mathurin Mair was a true hero, and her legacy will continue to inspire generations

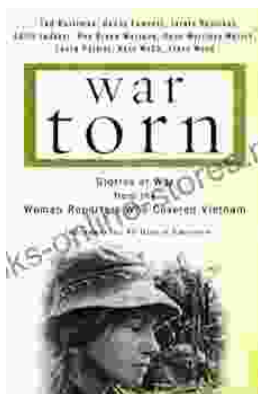


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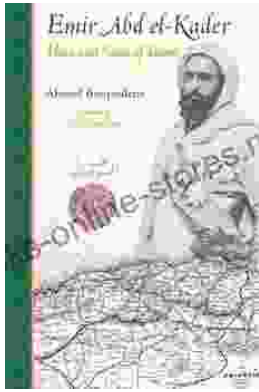
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