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Unique Selling Points:

- A rare, firsthand Windrush-generation *novelised memoir* rooted in intergenerational memory, migration, and identity.
- Provides a vivid, accessible account of post-WWII migration from Jamaica to Britain, ideal for educational and community heritage programs.
- Reflects on belonging, race, and heritage through a personal lens, offering pathways for broader cultural understanding.
- Written by the first African Caribbean person to publicly trace his ancestry from the UK through Jamaica and back 200 years to Africa, using the 1817 Slave Registers.

Author Bio:

Paul Crooks was the first African Caribbean person to trace his ancestry from London through Jamaica and back 200 years to Africa. His pioneering use of historical records — including the 1817 Slave Registers — laid the foundation for a public conversation about Black genealogy in Britain. Paul is a frequent public speaker, workshop leader, and author of both historical fiction and practical family history guides.

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