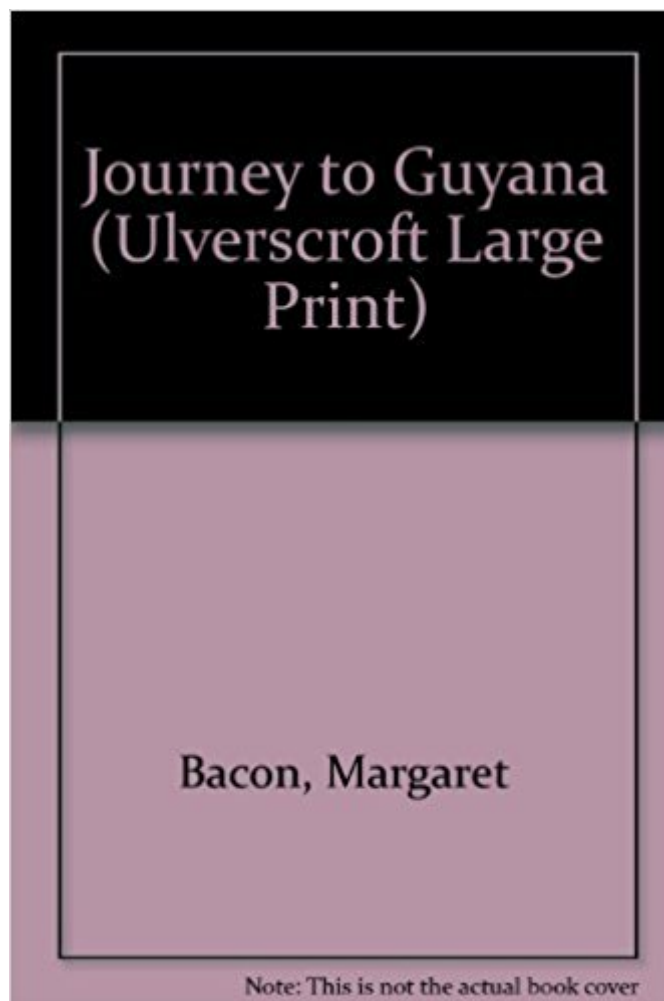


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Margaret Bacon has done something not many people can claim: Besting V. S. Naipaul. Bacon's memoir of her years in Guyana just when its weird ethnic and ideological feuds were starting up is much better than Naipaul's sullen take on the country, and better than Gimlette's more recent self-indulgent ramble as well. It's very strange that this book has gotten so little credit. Bacon manages to be funny, smart and surprising on every page. Her brief description of building practices in Guyana actually helped me understand Mr. Biswas's doomed attempt to make a house for his

family--and this book is full of insights like that, narrated with modest good humour. This isn't your typical travel book or country guide, and shouldn't be read as such. The Guyana Bacon describes how Guyana has changed in many ways (her description of the flight from London to Georgetown via prop plane warns you early on that these were different times) but the patterns of behavior by the different ethnic groups she describes so accurately are still at work. She describes all six groups without bigotry or condescension, a remarkable testament to her clarity of mind.

This is an excellent book in terms of historical and geographic factors in Guyana. The ethnic and cultural differences of the people in Guyana was written clearly.

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