

Sharlene-Monique

# A New Life

A celebration of the courage and determination of the windrush Generation



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**This book belongs to**

**Name:**.....

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This book is dedicated to my beautiful grandparents, the late Winston & Mavis Anderson. Thank you for the sacrifices you made for the family. This book is to honour your legacy and to teach future generations about you. May we never forget how incredible you both were.



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*"A beautiful picture book that tells the story of the brave arrival of Tahlia's Great-Grandparents embarking on their new life in Britain.*

*A wonderful read for the whole family"*

**Serlina Boyd, Cocoa Magazine**

"It's story time" said Nana,  
"I'm going to tell you about your Great-Grandma and  
Grandad, Mavis and Winston and their new life in England."

"I love story time" said Tahlia.

"I know you do, and this is one  
of my favourites!"





"It was in 1958 that  
Great-Grandma got  
on a big boat and  
sailed from the  
sunny island of  
Jamaica to  
England.





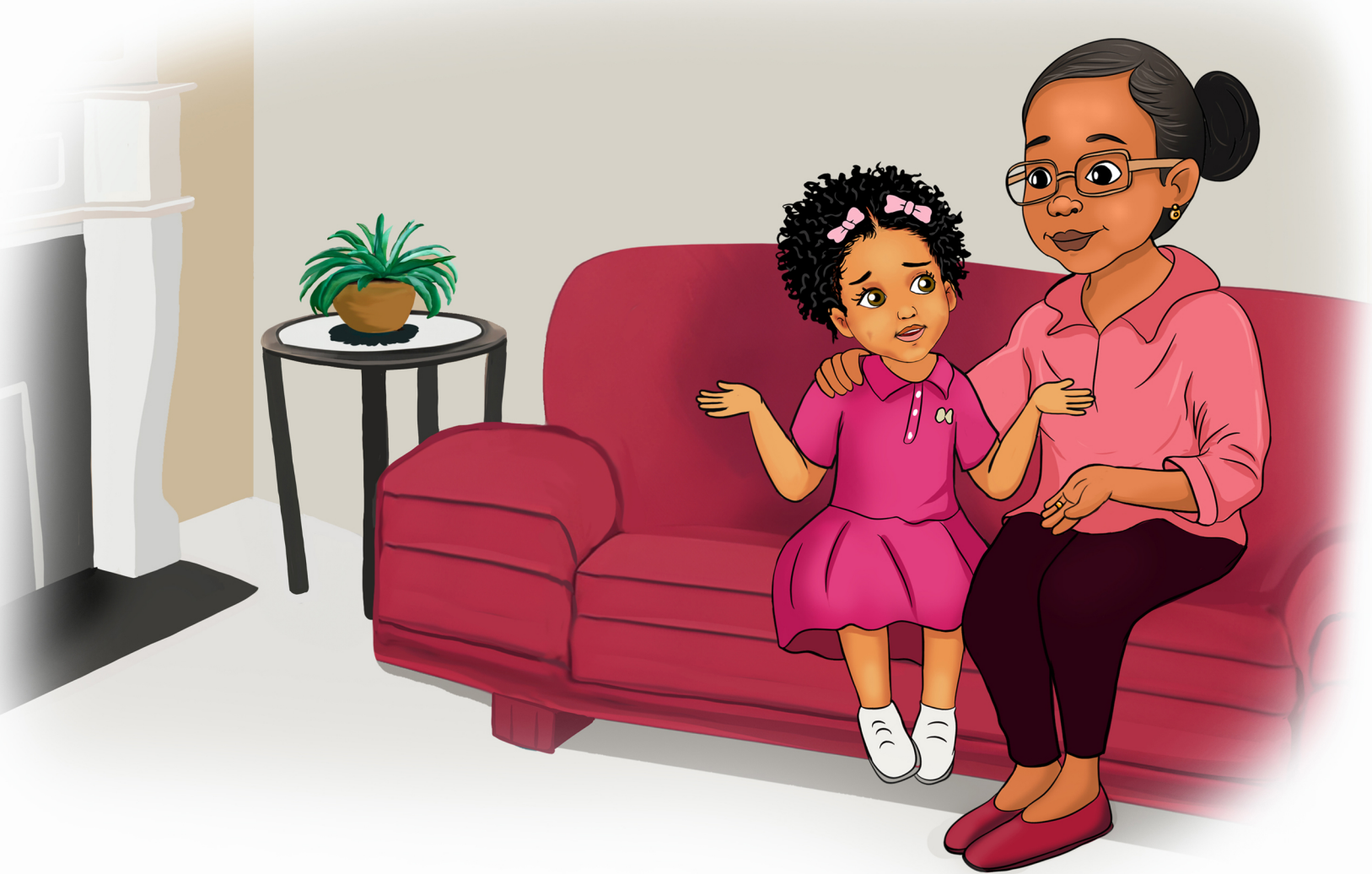
Great-Grandad had moved there a year earlier,  
they realised life was very different in  
England.  
The food was not what they were used to.



People were not as friendly as back home.  
But they were determined to create a new life  
for the family."







"Why weren't the people friendly Nana?"  
"Back then, there weren't many people who looked like us in Great Britain and some found it hard to accept us. Sometimes people aren't sure about what they're not used to."

"Is it like when you gave me broccoli? At first I didn't like it, now I love it!"

"Mmmm, something like that, but not quite the same."





After 7 years of hard work they sent tickets to Mama Anita in Jamaica. That's my lovely Nana Tahlia. She took care of me, my sister and brother Beverly and Kingsley. It was time for us to come to England too.



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## Hope, Courage & Determination

*A New Life* is the inspiring true story of Sharlene-Monique's late grand-parents Winston & Mavis who travelled from Jamaica to London to start a new life for their family in 1958. Winston & Mavis' experiences of moving home, starting a new life as understood by their great granddaughter Tahlia, will resonate with young children.

*A New Life* is a valuable resource for all children. It helps them learn about the experiences of the Windrush generation, and will encourage conversations about their own family stories and how talents and interests are passed down the generations.

Sharlene-Monique is a London based singer-songwriter, author and broadcaster. She is known as a versatile, passionate, collaborative creator and performer. She is a wife, mother and lover of life.

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Listen to Sharlene's song about the Windrush generation

Reading age 3-7 years

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