

ABSTRACT

John Hearne's Life and Fiction: A Critical Biographical Study

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There are few literary biographies of West Indian writers, and fewer still of Jamaican writers. Because the literature of our region is comparatively young, the impetus has been to create the art forms rather than to reflect on the lives of the artists.

Presented in this thesis is a biographical study of the life of John Hearne, with a critical overview of his fiction. The biographical information has been drawn from personal interviews with Hearne, his family and close friends, his journals and personal correspondence.

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