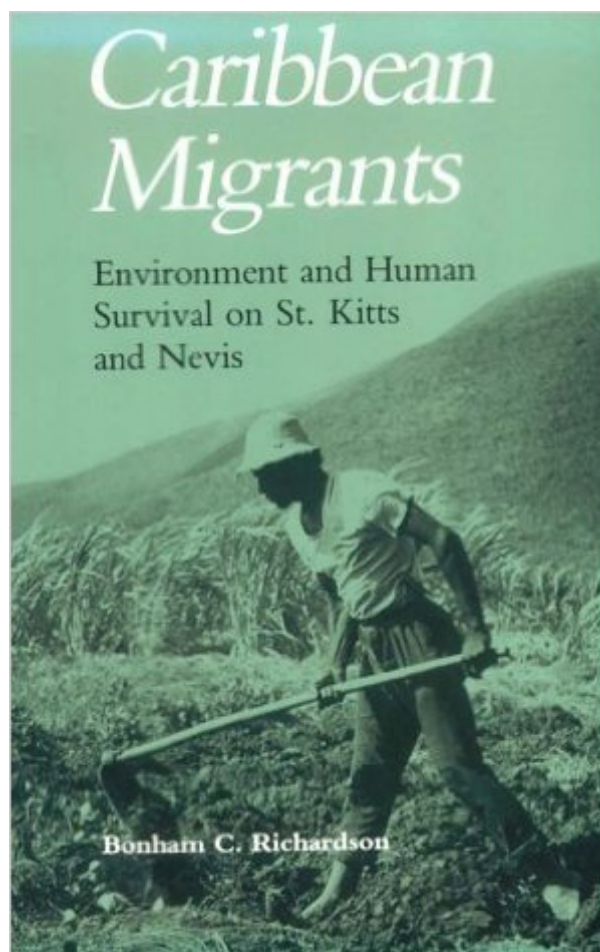


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Excellent book. It discusses the effects and phenomena of the migration of "west indian" peoples . Caribbean people have long since been a migrant people and the socio economic effects are still felt till this day. The book sharply focuses on the twin island federation of St.Christopher and Nevis. It is a must have for any History lover and any student of that SKN's history

"Caribbean Migrants" covers much more than just two Leeward Islands. The English originally settled St. Kitts in 1623, their first West Indian colony, Nevis shortly after, and the book reflects this time-depth. This historical geography explores the broader story of regional movements, especially labor flows but also farming, maritime work and fishing. Richardson's strongly ecological analysis helps explain the ongoing deterioration of both islands' environments, compelling islanders to look elsewhere for subsistence besides the land. There's a strong chapter on the era of plantation slavery which decisively shaped landscape and settlement, but the focus is on post-1838 movements. Though inter-island migration is a longstanding phenomenon, emancipation liberated freedpeople to move more readily from estates and home islands. Another strength is the attention given to their destinations: first Bermuda's ports, then Dominican cane fields; Trinidad and Aruba which drew numerous workers to their oil industries; and Britain and North America. In examining

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