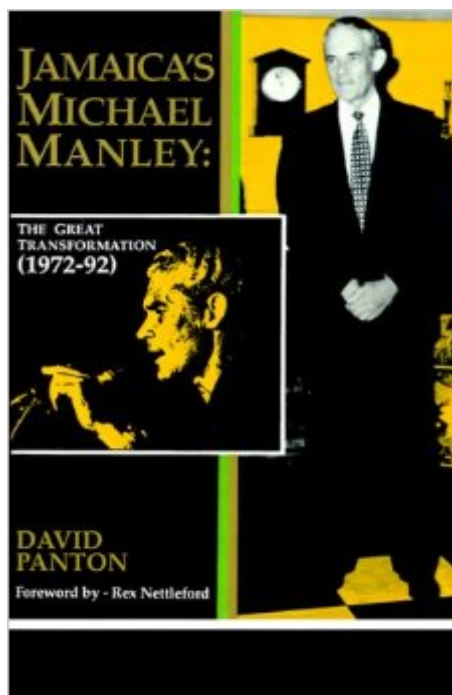# Jamaica's Michael Manley: The Great Transformation (1972-92)

Synopsis

JAMAICA'S MICHAEL MANLEY: THE GREAT TRANSFORMATION (1972-92) About the Author David Panton is a 21-year-old Jamaican. He received his B.A. in Public Policy (with high honours) from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs from Princeton University. He is the recipient of the 1993 Rhodes Scholarship from Jamaica and is presently a student at Harvard Law school. About this Book In 1980 Michael Manley lost the General Election after administering a Government that had taken Jamaica on a statist socialist course while seeking to develop a strong ideological base. Following his departure from Government he moderated his radical socialist image and completed a massive ideological shift to the right. No one, including Manley himself, however, had predicted that the switch he underwent in his three-year tenure, prior to retiring, would have been so drastic and indeed dramatic. In the book the author examines this shift against the background of similar radical changes that have occurred globally in the past decade. This book, when seen through the analytical eye of a young and so to speak uninvolved person, provides us with a most important literary work. "This is a very important-one might say even definitive-discussion of an important and controversial development experience in Jamaica, that is all the more useful because of its even-handed and fair treatment of all those involved" - Professor Paul Sigmund (Professor of Politics, Princeton University).

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