

Coomacka Island, Caribbean Folktales For Children of All Ages

Local talents link up to create educational programming for Caribbean children at Coomacka.com.

Brooklyn, NY (PRWEB) June 21, 2006 — An innovative source of West Indian edutainment receives acclaim in the U.S. and beyond. Coomacka Island: The Story of Spider & Ant, initially only available electronically at [coomacka.com](http://www.coomacka.com), uses vibrant visuals to make it more than an educational tool, but a means of stimulating creativity in children as well. Thus far, the online publication has been introduced to people in the Barbados, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, the British Virgin Islands, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Don P. Hooper and Darnel Degand created Coomacka (pronounced "coo-MAH-ka") Island as a means of telling educational stories that go beyond fad entertainment and provide the longevity of folk-tales passed down throughout history. The stories, abundant in morals and values, give Coomacka Island an international appeal.

The duo's inspiration is to increase literacy among children through immersion into the sights, sounds and mythos of the Caribbean. "In a world where West Indians have come to receive a lot of negative press, we chose to independently publish this book as a sign of the inherent strength of the culture and as a mark of the Caribbean's contributions to society." – the Creators.

Link to Publication*: <http://www.coomacka.com/coomackabooks.html>

About the Authors

Darnel Degand and Don P. Hooper, both born of West Indian heritage, were classmates at the University of Pennsylvania during the late 1990s. Uniting their talents, they worked together on several projects inside and outside the classroom.

The inspiration for Coomacka Island originated shortly thereafter. Don and Darnel sought to expose the world to the wonders of the Caribbean by creating new folktales that could be passed down from generation to generation.

Darnel is a multimedia designer currently residing in Queens. Don is a writer and voice over talent currently residing in Brooklyn.

About Coomacka Island

Coomacka Island is a provider of Caribbean centered folktales and edutainment media and books for children of all ages. Please visit www.coomacka.com for more information.

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