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From Jamaica to England – What happened next?



The Roving Reader Files

Our Roving Reader has been investigating what happened to the people whose stories and writings she looked at in her journey from Jamaica to England.

Una Marson died in 1965, but she lived for many years in the London Borough of Southwark. In 2005, Southwark Council awarded her a Blue Plaque in recognition of her contribution to literature and broadcasting. If any of you go and see it, let us know. There's some more information on the [Southwark Council website](#).

Joyce Gladwell is still alive and kicking. Her *Brown Face, Big Master* was reissued as a Caribbean Classic by MacMillan in 2003. Joyce herself went on to become a successful marriage and family therapist in Canada, whilst her husband became a professor of mathematics. In 2009, a counselling centre was named after her in recognition of her work. One of her sons is the journalist and best-selling writer Malcolm Gladwell, who discussed his mother's life in one of his books – *Outliers: The Story of Success* (published 2008). You might like to read more about [Joyce and the counselling centre](#) or [Malcolm Gladwell's thoughts on his multi-racial background](#).

Concerning the [Adult Literacy Projects](#), I don't have updates about Louise Shore and the individuals who contributed to *So This Is England*. But you may like to know what happened to Centerprise, the organisation which published Louise's autobiography *Pure Running. A Life Story*. It survived as the Centerprise Trust Community and Arts Centre in Dalston, London, until 2012. Unfortunately, its peppercorn rent of £10 per month was suddenly raised by Hackney Council to an impossible £37,000 per year. After much legal wrangling, it looks like it finally closed, to great disappointment all round. It had been open 41 years, and had

helped many isolated immigrants in London. If anyone out there knows of any further developments on this matter, we'd welcome an update. You can read more about it on the [Radical History of Hackney blog](#) and the [Hackney Citizen website](#).