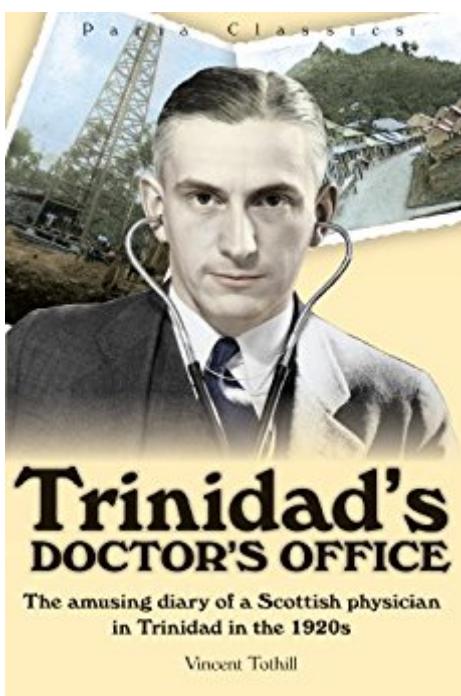


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Good view into some aspects of our cultural past as seen through the lens of an outsider who is as neutral as may have been possible for a man in his position at that time. A good read for all Trinidadian's not just those interested in its medical past

As a transplanted Trini to the US, I really enjoyed reading this book. Not only did I learn some more history about my country, but his use of the slangs and describing the natives was very entertaining. I was only curious why he wrote in length of the men and women he met, including their relationships but nothing of his. I know for the many years he lived in Trinidad he certainly dated someone.

I love this book. Beautifully written by the author. If you're a Trini or interested in early 20th century trini culture, and want to get a view into life in Trinidad in the 20's, especially south Trinidad and San Fernando in particular, read this. Don't be put off by his colourful descriptions and tendency to stereotype. I suspect it was a feature of the time period.

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