

THE ECHOES OF
THE SOUL
AN EDIFICE – ANTHOLOGY

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Chapter 1

Prologue

This book takes its readers on a journey through the different aspects of life, exploring the fundamentals to human growth and development. Structured tactfully, it releases its story in the format of an anthology yet with the sensation of a novel.

Elma Gabriel-Mayers is a passionate individual, committed to her beliefs. As she shared with me her wish for me to review the contents of her second book, I wavered. Nevertheless, having worked with her in the past, I had some indication of what to expect.

Ironically; from the very beginning of reading the manuscript, I felt a sense a connection; if not that of my personal encounters but of others of characteristic parallels.

On everyone's journey we never know what is destined but what really matters is how we face lives daily chores, how we move on. Elma knows how to 'Move On' as in one of her poems illustrates. "The universe, the world, as we twirl; such unveil, thus; as human's sort— But darkness is surely not light, as without light it is dark; but least we forget the

limits to a day when Light dissipates and Dark take its play.
So in hope for the Light We'll shout, Oh God! Please stay.”

It was truly a pleasure reading the creative writings of this amazing poet who never fails in stretching and exploring our hearts and minds to a world of countless possibilities.

Audrey Kydd

Chapter 2

Introduction

Elma's first book, "*Standing Tall in Echoes of Destiny*," garnered so much attention that she used this positive acceptance of her work to author a second collection, "*The Echoes of the Soul*." This volume continues in a related element of the former, yet; more the flavor of an anthology, giving readers a closer view of the writer's journey with some encounters, inspirational quotes, views, passion, mystical, sentiments and motivational poetic pieces.

Born on the island of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the Caribbean, Elma was an extremely shy young lady. Her first experience with poetry writing was during her high school years in the mid-sixties. Her favorite subjects in school were literature and art, but she failed to pursue her dreams at an early age because she had limited encouragement and was fearful of the critique of others. In the last twenty years the yearning to express her inner thoughts ballooned, not only in writing, but also in a passionate need to express her thoughts verbally. Since migrating to Canada, Elma prioritizes her time and uses her skills in the community to

contribute to the positivity of youth, seniors or anyone for that matter. Elma has acquired the label of a community activist for her stance on many social justice and other community matters.

Over the years, Elma has used her hobby as a poet to stand up as an inspiring and shining example of eloquence to person of all races, cultures and creeds. She is a true Citizen of the World. *“The Echoes of the Soul”* inject its readers a classic sensational truth to that of an echoing soul.

Elma is a woman, a mother, grandmother and a friend whose motto in life is: *“Now; that is all I have within my control, I pray God’s willing for tomorrow.”*

A shy young woman’s journey during the nineteen-sixties to her new life

She sees as her *‘green dreams of a cold land’*.

The burdens carried in the Past will forever live on....
As her ‘legacy’