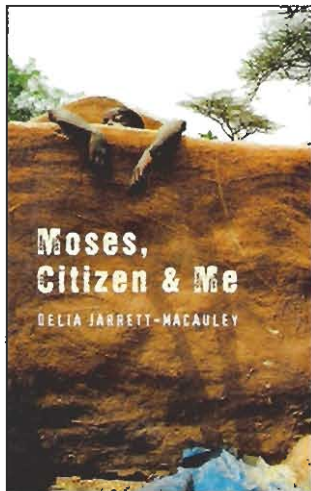


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MOSES, CITIZEN & ME

a novel by

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When Julia flies in to war-scarred Sierra Leone from London, she is apprehensive about seeing her uncle Moses for the first time in twenty years. But nothing could have prepared her for her encounter with her eight-year-old cousin, Citizen, a former child soldier, and for the shocking truth of what he has done.

Driven by a desire to understand Citizen, Julia takes the disturbed child into the rainforest, where to her surprise, she encounters him amongst other child soldiers, along with a mysterious storyteller, Bemba G. Is he a shaman, teacher, wizard or magician? He alone in the heart of the rainforest can heal the rift between the cultures of war and peace, Europe and Africa. But who would think he'd use Shakespeare to do it?

Moses, Citizen & Me is a work of imagination about the conflict in Sierra Leone; a novel which draws on both the European canon and African oral traditions to illuminate the sufferings of child soldiers and their families. Delia Jarrett-Macauley is an exciting discovery; a debut novelist who has already found a confident and compelling voice, who handles her devastating material with great delicacy and empathy.

Delia Jarrett-Macauley, the youngest daughter of Sierra Leonean parents, was born in Hertfordshire and now lives in South London. She has taught at the universities of Kent and London and is the author of *The Life of Una Marson 1905-1965*. This is her first novel.

Delia is available for interview. Please contact Will Salmon on 020 7704 9776 or email: wsalmon@granta.com for further details. Delia will be giving a reading at the Royal Festival Hall in April and appearing at Hay-on-Wye in May. She is also making a documentary on Sierra Leone for BBC Radio 4 to be broadcast in July.



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