

Explora Books Hosts Virtual Book Signing with Claudette McLennon at BIBF 2026

Explora Books hosted a virtual book signing with novelist Claudette McLennon at the 32nd Beijing International Book Fair (BIBF), held June 17–21, 2026, at the China National Convention Center (CNCC) in Beijing.



Vancouver, British Columbia Jul 29, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - On June 18, McLennon joined readers through Explora Books's booth and highlighted signed editions of her featured works: *Sins of the Parents*, *Full Circle*, *Women of Passion*, and *Let Go*. Marking both its 40th anniversary and 32nd

edition, BIBF brought together 1,700 exhibitors from 82 countries and regions, reinforcing its role as one of Asia's leading platforms for international publishing exchange and cultural dialogue. Held under the theme "Using Books as a Medium to Facilitate Communication and Dialogue, Leading to Cooperative Success for All Parties Involved," the fair emphasized stories shaped by lived experience, identity, and cross-cultural understanding—an environment well suited to McLennon's debut novel, *Sins of the Parents*.

Structured as an extended act of reflection, *Sins of the Parents* follows Marlene Henderson Tulloch as she looks back on her life from hospice care in New York while confronting the experiences that shaped her. Rather than presenting a simple reckoning, the novel traces the life of a woman who survives childhood hardship, builds a meaningful future, and arrives at the end of life with a hard-earned sense of peace.

The story begins in rural Nutfield, Jamaica, where Marlene is raised by her grandmother, Estrella, after her mother dies from complications during childbirth. Unable to separate grief from blame, Estrella comes to view Marlene as responsible for that loss. The emotional consequences of that belief extend into adulthood and become one of the novel's central conflicts.

McLennon portrays Marlene's childhood with emotional specificity rather than sentimentality. Restricted opportunities, difficult family relationships, and moments of exclusion shape much of her early life, but the novel also emphasizes quieter forms of support that make endurance possible: teachers who notice, neighbors who intervene, and friendships that offer moments of refuge.

As the narrative expands, Marlene earns educational opportunities, moves to Kingston, later migrates to the United States, and builds a career as a New York City schoolteacher. Her marriage to Wayne becomes a stabilizing force throughout the novel, providing a counterpoint to the instability of her early years.

At its center, *Sins of the Parents* examines the consequences people inherit from choices they did not make. The novel explores how grief, expectation, silence, and harm move across generations—and how individuals decide whether those patterns continue. A late reconciliation between Marlene and Estrella does not erase the past, but it creates a space for acknowledgment and release.

That focus on family, migration, and resilience reflects elements of McLennon's own background. Born in Islington, St. Mary, Jamaica, and later moving to the United States, she brings to the novel decades of public service experience and a perspective shaped by Caribbean community life and diaspora experience. The book draws from traditions of Caribbean storytelling while engaging broader questions of identity, belonging, and personal renewal.

Throughout the fair, McLennon's featured titles were showcased through Explora Books's international exhibition, introducing readers to stories grounded in personal experience and emotional reflection.

[*Sins of the Parents*](#), along with [*Full Circle*](#), [*Women of Passion*](#), and [*Let Go*](#) is available through Amazon and other major digital bookstores.

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