

Mary Seacole

HIDDEN VOICES

Mary Seacole was born in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1805. Her father was a Scottish soldier and her mother practiced traditional Jamaican medicine. Mary became a skilled nurse under her mother's guidance and was widely praised for her work in treating cholera during the Crimean War. Shortly after the war, in 1857, Mary published her autobiography, *Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands*. She was recognized for her many achievements by Prince Victor, nephew of Queen Victoria, and, in recent times, Seacole has been celebrated as a founder of modern nursing alongside Florence Nightingale.

