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Preface

Crossing continents. Sailing across thousands of nautical miles. What began as a quest for marriage became a journey of hope, love, and destiny. From the sunlit shores of Trinidad to the bustling ports of India, and onward to the land of South Africa, this is the story of a family's new beginnings—etched across oceans, bound by courage, and carried on the tides of time.

As the great grandchild of Nihal and granddaughter of Ramgarib, I grew up surrounded by fragments of this tale: half-remembered names, faded letters, distant lands spoken of in hushed tones. The story lived like an echo—present, yet incomplete. It was a reminder that our roots stretch far beyond what our eyes can see, reaching into waters we have never sailed and lands we may have never touched.

This book is my attempt to gather those echoes, to piece together the scattered memories and give voice to the journey that shaped us. It is both a tribute and a torch: a way of honouring where we come from while lighting the path for where we are going.

It is written for all of us—those who carry the weight of the past, those who navigate the bridge between history and tomorrow, and those who believe that the story of family is never truly finished.

Acknowledgement

This book is written in honour of Nihal and Maria, Ramgarib and Rajpathi.

For the dreams you carried, the choices you made, and for every descendant who ever wondered where we came from, why we are the way we are, and what it means to carry a legacy across continents and generations.

I thank you for sharing your stories with the generation that followed, for these stories are the foundation of which this book was built.

You did not know your life's journey would one day be told, yet it was always waiting in the bloodline. You crossed oceans, endured hardship, faced loss, and chose love. Your journey could have vanished into the waves of time, but it lived on—in whispered memories, in family gatherings, and in the quiet strength of those who came after.

This story belongs to you, Nihal, Maria, Ramgarib and Rajpathi. But it lives within all of us who carry your blood, your dreams, and your courage.

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