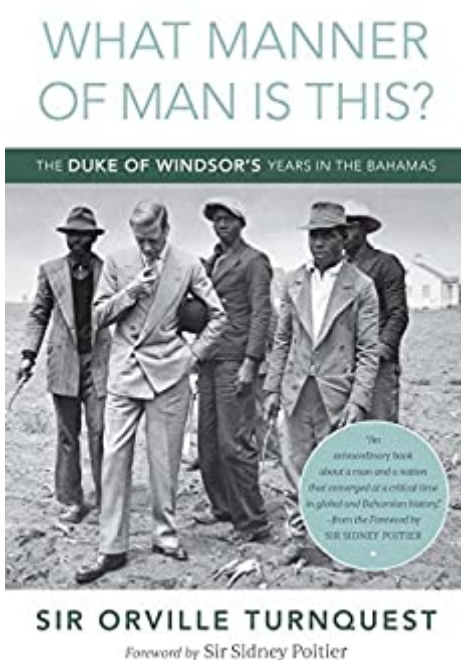


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# What Manner Of Man Is This?: The Duke Of Windsor's Years In The Bahamas



## Synopsis

What Manner of Man Is This? is a unique and incisive look at an important but largely ignored period of the life of the Prince of Wales who was heir to the British throne and became King of England, Edward VIII, in 1936. A mere ten months later he abdicated the throne to marry a twice-divorced American, Mrs. Wallis Simpson in what was at once the scandal of the century and the love story of the age. Many books have been written about the royal couple, The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, but this focuses exclusively on The Duke's tenure as Royal Governor of The Bahamas in a tumultuous era during which major events and programs occurred including the murder of Sir Harry Oakes, the richest man in the British Empire at that time, all set against the backdrop of World War II raging in Europe. This book also stands apart from others because its author, Sir Orville Turnquest, speaks with the authority and credibility of someone who has occupied the very same office as the Duke of Windsor. Sir Orville did not, however, come from a royal or aristocratic family but rather, in sharp contrast to his predecessor, he came from an area of Nassau inhabited by the underprivileged black community and thus provides a perspective that could not be more different from those of a former King of England.

What Manner of Man Is This? is an insider's look at a vital part of Bahamian history with the island nation's emergence from slavery and the African diaspora to a prominent role in world history. "To his credit, Turnquest has written a book that is not a sanitized biography of The Duke of Windsor but rather an incisive examination of a small but enormously important slice of the life of this notorious man, a former King of England. . . . Sir Orville Turnquest, orator, top litigator and esteemed elder statesman as former Governor General and head of state of The Bahamas, has shown the insight and courage to give his country and the world an extraordinary book about a man and a nation that converged at a critical time in global and Bahamian history." --Sir Sidney Poitier, from the Foreword of What Manner of Man Is This? "An insightful, informative book and important addition to the literature of the development of The Bahamas. . . . Turnquest has produced an easy, readable history of the period, well-informed by his own personal experience as a young black, who overcame the absence of opportunities gifted to the Duke of Windsor to become the Duke's successor in the office of Governor General of an independent Bahamas." --Rt. Hon. Hubert A. Ingraham, Former Prime Minister of The Bahamas "What a fascinating story! ...With simple, yet powerful language the author has captured the essence of the life and times of the period factually, graphically and sensitively. A great read!!" --Dame Ivy Dumont, Former Governor General of The Bahamas "The elements could not be more conducive to a fascinating

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Bought this book Saturday evening. I commenced reading on Sunday and was finish by Tuesday. That speaks volumes of the degree by which one will be captivated by this book. It is however, a disheartening fact that our predecessors of the Bahama land had a legacy and life experience as those of the Civil rights Era and the leaders who contributed to black liberation, but whose legacy was not taught to the nation and there isn't a source from which information of these great men and women can be easily and conveniently access.

Just an ok book

What Manner of Man Is This? The Duke of Windsor's Years In The Bahamas

Recently, I finished reading Sir Orville Turnquest's *What Manner of Man Is This? The Duke of Windsor's Years In The Bahamas*. An inspiring book and superb view of Bahamian history as only a man of Sir Orville Turnquest's distinguished, esteemed pilgrimage thru the Bahama's enrichment could pen. I would be remiss in my past and future responsibilities if I did not suggest it be required reading for every Ambassador or High Commissioner privileged to serve their country in your gorgeous, idyllic setting. As Sir Orville notes, not all U.S. laws have had a positive impact on enterprises in the Bahamas. But most importantly, the friendship between our countries, our citizens, and our mutual desire for democracy and equality for all has existed since our countries have existed. It should continue, all citizens of each country must do their upmost to insure this relationship continues in a manner beneficial to all. President-Elect Trump will most assuredly treat the Bahamas with respect and no one need fear he will in any way perniciously construct policies which will bring detriment to the wonderful people of the Bahamas. I will do everything within my jurisdiction to see this treasure given to us by Sir Orville is provided to employees of the United States Department of State and any Bahamian who is unable to obtain a copy of this wonderful book has one made available. It is an investment which will provide benefits to the Bahamas and the United States for centuries. To my wonderful friend of almost twenty years, Sir Orville A. Turnquest, may God's wonderful blessings continue to be bestowed upon you. Mrs. Turnquest would be very proud. Thank you so much for taking time from your wonderful life to share with all us a tiny bit of your genius.

Ambassador J. Richard Blankenship

This book presents some very interesting historical facts of life and times in a pre-independent Bahamas. I hope copies of this book are made available to every school in The Bahamas.

Turnquest gives us an insight into the life of hardly known Edward VIII, King of England and the British Empire and the details of his life mostly after he abdicated the throne at 42 years old. It all started when King Edward VIII chose love over his position; he had to do so to spend his life with the woman he loved. Wallis Warfield Simpson was not suitable to become the wife of the King of England given that she was a non-aristocratic, twice-divorced with ex-husbands still living. Most of the contents are at and post-July 1940 when he was appointed governor of Bahamas. This book is incredibly detailed to provide an overabundance of history of the Bahamas and the surrounding islands as well as the living conditions and culture that existed during this time. Most of what was

going on in the world effected the inhabitants directly, making Edward's job far from easy. I imagine that a history buff- especially one of England and its royalty- would thoroughly enjoy this book. I found that the prose was more similar to a history textbook than a novel. The main piece that could have supplemented this book are some sort of illustration(s); there are plenty of opportunities to provide visual aids to help understand the stories better.

If you want to read a very detailed book about The Bahamas, to include the history of the islands, their finances and government; details about the Duchess before her marriage; even a history of the governor's mansion and the story behind it's front door, then you should read this book. There is all that and much more. Certainly Sir Turnquest has done his research, which is to be commended. I have to admit, though, I thought I was reading a book about The Duke of Windsor, so I was a bit disappointed that I had to wade through so much superfluous information to get to the heart of the book. However, scattered within the book is some very interesting information about the Duke and Duchess and their five year governorship of The Bahamas. And, near the end of the book Sir Turnquest does answer the question "What manner of man is this?"

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