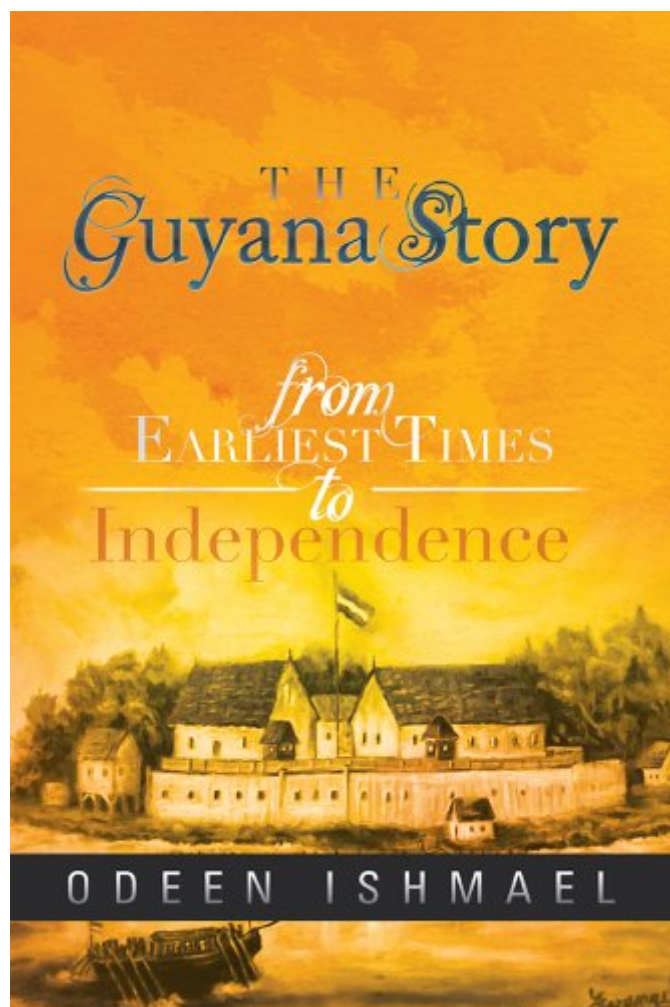


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# The Guyana Story: From Earliest Times To Independence



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