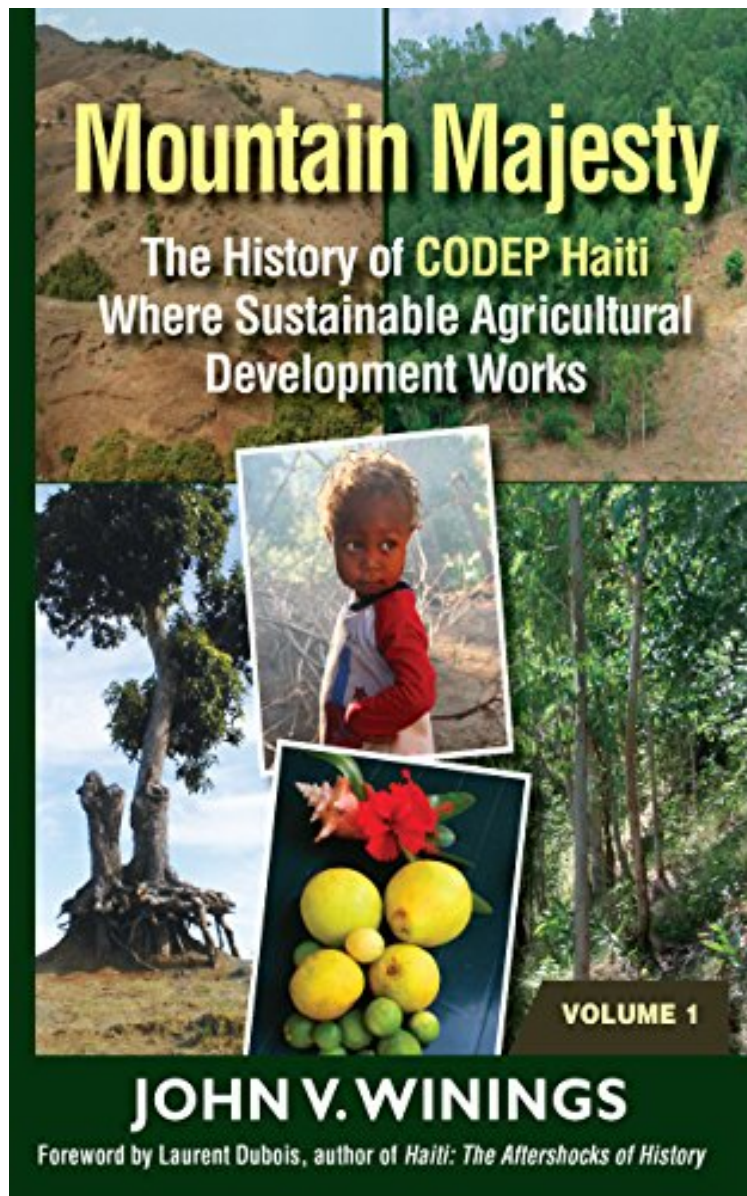


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. These are real people. By Bob H. Having been involved with CODEP for twenty years I have watched the Haitians blossom like a flower as they have experienced the joy of becoming healthier and more sustainable in their lives. Mountain Majesty puts faces and personalities on this story. It's a tribute to the restoration of both the land and human dignity.

Bob - Environmental Engineer

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This is a True Story. By William Hawkins. While both have their place, the difference between crisis relief and sustainable development is a matter of passion. What John Winings gives us in his splendid recounting of the origin and development of the Cooperative Development Program (CODEP) in Haiti these last 35 years, is a story of passion. When you want to help a people by working alongside them with the goal that in due time you do yourself out of a job, this in sustainable development, is called "success." What grew out of a holistic vision for mission in a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), to become one of the strongest NGA's in the poorest nation in the western hemisphere, is a joy to behold. CODEP will continue to move around the peninsula-shaped nation and start over only now faster and better. If St. Augustine were here today he would tell us of the voice that spoke to him, "Take and read."

Poverty is everywhere in Haiti. In the mountains, land lays barren, the soil is depleted. When Haitians plant food crops, the plants wither in the hot, dry sun or wash away in the rains. Mountain Majesty: The History of CODEP Haiti: Where Sustainable Agricultural Development Works tells the story of an inspiring project that began in 1989 when Jack Hanna recognized that the solution to poverty in Haiti's Cormier Valley region lay in addressing the entire watershed, not just a few local gardens. During its 25-year history, CODEP Haiti has championed reforestation and erosion control, found creative solutions to engage locals and, ultimately, converted a church-subsidized development program into a self-sustaining, locally managed enterprise.

Among the thousands of NGOs (non-governmental organizations) working in Haiti, CODEP is quiet, sturdy, and changing the hopes of the people in its midst just as the millions of trees that CODEP has planted are standing tall and reshaping the very mountains they shade. Mountain Majesty: The History of CODEP Haiti Where Sustainable Agricultural Development Works will be embraced as part of the core curriculum of books that open up Haiti for readers, sharing its promise, hope, and heartbreaking challenges. A must read. --Martha Johnson, former Administrator, U.S. General Services Administration. Author of On My Watch: Leadership, Innovation Personal Resilience. Consultant at MarthaJohnson.com

Winings has thoroughly documented this most impressive project CODEP Haiti. Reforestation along with the resulting diminishing of soil erosion has affected not hundreds, but thousands of lives in the watersheds above and in Leacut;ogacirc;ne. Mountain Majesty tells how it was done. --Jim Sylvant, Electrical Engineer, Haiti Specialist

Mountain Majesty not only provides an excellent history of what works in the field of sustainability in Haiti, but eloquently recounts the stories of so many of the key animators in CODEP who have made the project successful. Reading John's work transported us directly back to Haiti, into the heart of a project that we have loved and supported for so many years. Articulating the story of CODEP is a crucial step in furthering sustainable redevelopment projects with the goal of reinvigorating communities and raising up capable and committed leaders in Haiti. --Kevin Michelle Wahila, Senior Engineer, WABCO, Paris and Former Associate Pastor of the American Church in Paris

About the Author John V. Winings, Executive Director of The Haiti Fund, Inc., has enjoyed a long career as both an elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and an international corporate executive, including experience as a turnaround specialist. His broad skills in science, marketing, manufacturing, technology transfer and top management uniquely qualify him for the breadth of perspective needed to provide the kind of insights evident in his book, Mountain Majesty: The History of CODEP Haiti Where Sustainable Agricultural Development Works.