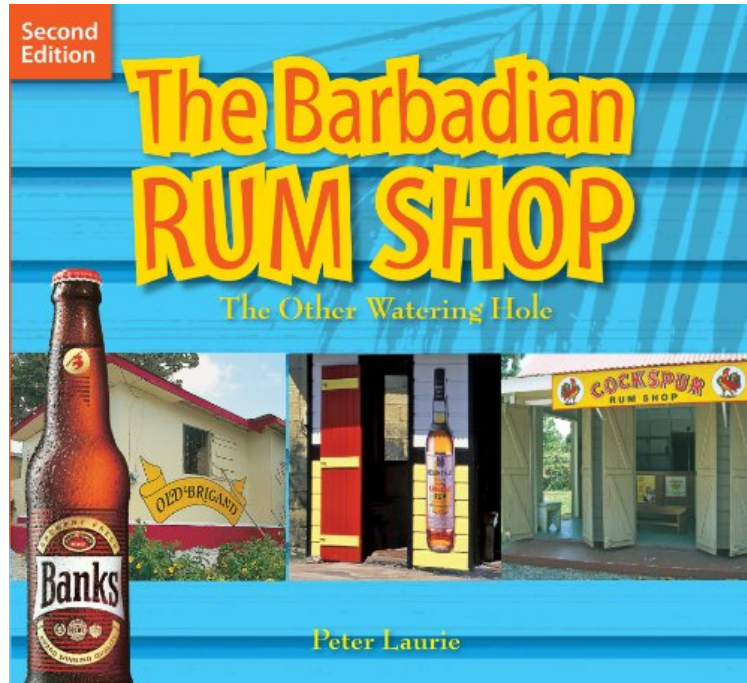


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About the Author Peter Laurie, A Barbadian graduate of Oxford University, is a former Ambassador of Barbados. He is the author of several plays and short stories, and has written two illustrated children's stories, *Mauby's Big Adventure* and *Mauby's Quest for the Healing Flower*, both published by Macmillan Caribbean. He lives in Barbados with his family and writes a weekly newspaper column.