

Announcing the publication of

Red Jacket

by Pamela Mordecai

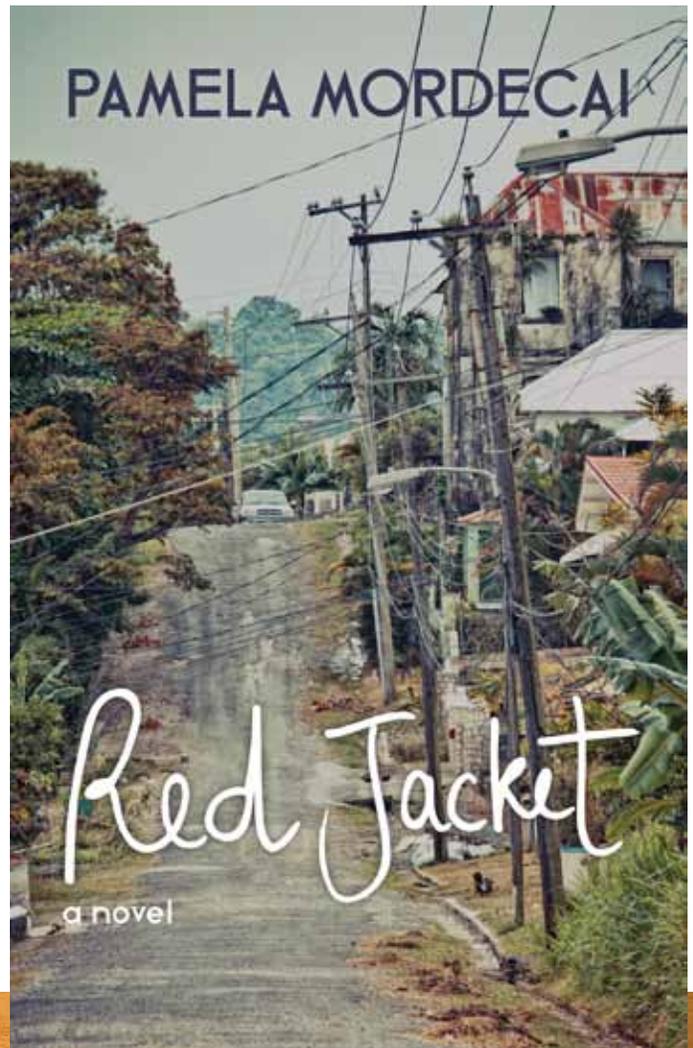
Growing up on the Caribbean island of St. Chris, Grace Carpenter wonders how it is that her extended family is black, while she is a redibo, with copper coloured skin, red hair, and grey eyes. Unkind people taunt her with names like “red jacket.” Years later, as an adult working for the WHO in West Africa, she meets Jimmy Atule, an unusual priest with an unnerving gift. With his help, Grace confronts the truth about her birth and deciphers the mystery of her true identity.

*A compelling tale of faith
and family, ranging from the
dusty landscapes of West
Africa to the rich flavours
of the Caribbean.*

~ Will Ferguson

*If there is a smelting room
of the English language,
if there is an iron table
where syntax and breath
are shone, here is where
Pam Mordecai works
her glittering materials.*

~ Dionne Brand



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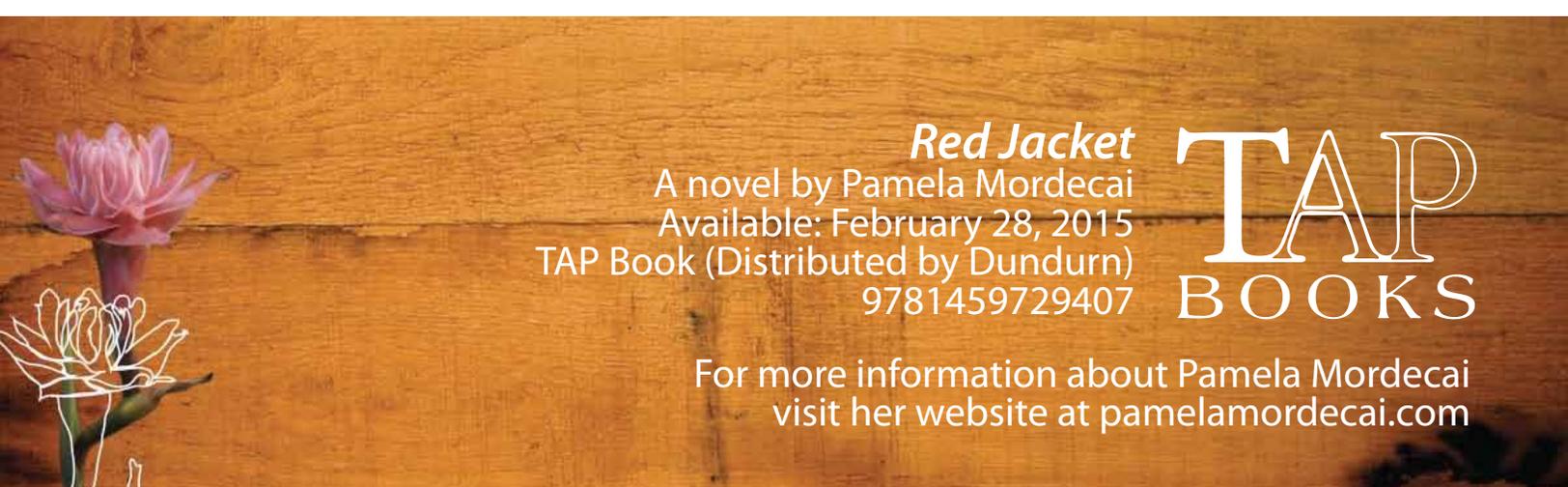
*A rich and compelling tale
about the agony of being
made to feel different and the
elusiveness of belonging.*

~ Rachel Manley

Born in Jamaica and educated there and in the USA, Pamela ('Pam') Mordecai and her family immigrated to Canada in 1994. She has published five collections of poetry, five children's books, a collection of short fiction, and a reference work on Jamaica (with her husband, Martin). A former language arts teacher with a PhD in English, Pamela has compiled numerous textbooks and edited and co-edited ground-breaking anthologies of Caribbean writing. In 2010 her play, *El Numero Uno*, had its world premiere at the Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People. She has read at major festivals including the International Festival of Authors in Toronto and the Miami International Bookfair. In spring 2014, she was a fellow at Yaddo artists' community (yaddo.org) in upstate New York. *Red Jacket* is her first novel.



*Pamela Mordecai is a fearsomely ingenious
writer, whose ear for language is equalled by her
huge heart's humanity.* ~ George Elliot Clarke



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~ Shivane Ramlochan
(Caribbean Beat)

More titles by Mordecai

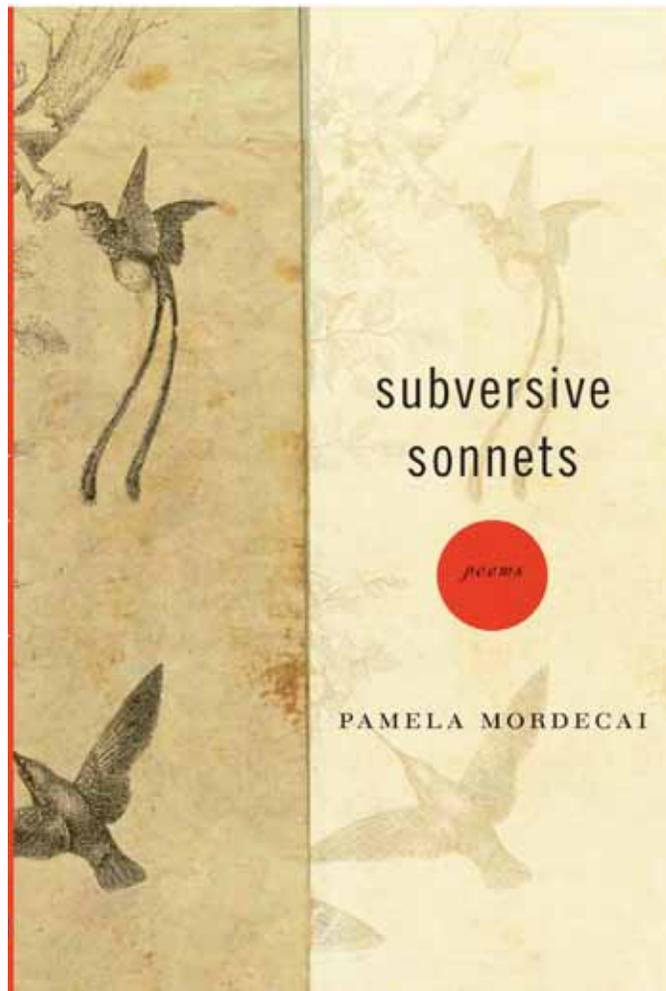
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