

# Mary Seacole

1805–1881



## Early Life

Mary Jane Grant was born in 1805 in Kingston, Jamaica.

She learnt about traditional Jamaican medicine from her mother.

She became Mary Seacole when she married Edwin Seacole in 1836.

Mary Seacole was a British-Jamaican businesswoman and nurse who is well known for her work in the Crimean War.

## Becoming a Nurse

Mary became a skilled nurse while helping her mother treat sick and injured soldiers at their boarding house.

She spent time travelling and learning more about medicine.

A disease called cholera spread across Kingston in Jamaica. Mary helped care for people who were sick.

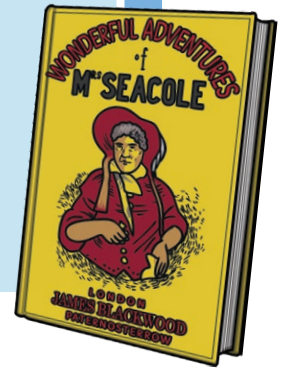
## The Crimean War

The Crimean War began in 1853. Mary travelled to London to ask if she could go to the war to work as a nurse but was not allowed.

Mary decided to pay for herself to go to Crimea. She set up a hotel to care for wounded and sick soldiers.

She bravely took medicine and bandages out to wounded soldiers on the battlefield.

Mary wrote a book about her travels and experiences.



## Fun Fact

Mary was called Mother Seacole by many of the soldiers.

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