



**THE HONEY ANT**

**Duncan Kyle**

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The yellowed last will and testament of Mary Ellen Emmett is mysteriously delivered to an Australian solicitor, John Close. Finding the heiress to Stringer Station is easy, even if Jane Strutt does live on the other side of the world. But keeping her alive long enough to enjoy her inheritance is quite another matter.

For it is soon clear that sinister forces want Stringer Station. Want it badly enough to kill for it. But why? Why are eighty square miles of barren land in a remote corner of Western Australia in such demand? As Jane and John unravel the mystery stitched tightly round Stringer Station, they become caught up in a dangerous fight that threatens to destroy them both.



**SHARPE'S RIFLES**

**Bernard Cornwell**

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In the bitter winter of 1809, in the heart of war-torn Spain, Lieutenant Richard Sharpe and fifty riflemen are cut off by French forces from the rest of the British army.

Distrusted by his men, Sharpe discovers an ally in a dashing Spanish cavalry officer, Blas Vivar, who offers to lead the riflemen to safety. But unknown to Sharpe, the quixotic Spaniard first requires their help in a desperate plan to rouse every Spanish citizen to arms. As a result, Sharpe finds himself dragged into an even more dangerous situation . . .

A gripping romantic adventure in which the legendary Richard Sharpe sets out to win the hearts of his men—and a woman.



**A GIFT OF LIFE**

**Henry Denker**

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Dr Allen McCandless entered the medical profession to save lives. Not to play God. Now, as chief of the cardiac transplant unit at University Medical Center, he is the final judge of life and death. With usable hearts in critically short supply, what happens when he has at his disposal only one heart, and more than one candidate who deserves it? How can he choose, knowing that the gift of life for one will mean almost certain death for another? Especially when he has come to know each of his patients not only as a doctor but as a friend.

A compelling drama about a caring physician working on the front line of modern medicine, from the author of *The Choice*.



**THE HARROGATE SECRET**

**Catherine Cookson**

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Ten-year-old Freddie Musgrave has his wits about him and luck on his side. For two years he has been a runner for the Newcastle smugglers, navigating his small boat across the Tyne River, carrying messages and the occasional package, eluding the customs men by the skin of his teeth. Then one night Freddie witnesses a scene of terrible madness, a scene he is sworn never to reveal. But the terror of that night and the consequences of his dreadful promise will haunt Freddie's life for ever, bringing him both his greatest joy and his greatest peril.

Suspense, romance and adventure combine to make this latest novel from the ever-popular Catherine Cookson one of her most unforgettable.