

# The Secret River By Kate Grenville

[Kate Grenville's The Secret River](#)  
[A practical guide for fiction writers](#)  
[Elizabeth Macarthur's Letters](#)  
["The Secret River" by Kate Grenville](#)  
[The Secret River by Kate Grenville](#)  
[The Secret River](#)  
[The Secret River \[1 DVD, Rating M\]](#)  
[Lilian's Story](#)  
[The Portrayal of Convicts in The Secret River by Kate Grenville and The Playmaker by Thomas Keneally](#)  
[Sarah Thornhill](#)  
[Notes](#)  
[Benevolence](#)  
[Life and Death in the World City](#)  
[The Idea of Perfection](#)  
[The Secret River](#)  
[One Life](#)  
[Diplomsko Delo](#)  
[Learning by Heart](#)  
[The Prisoner of Zenda](#)  
[Biblical Geography and History](#)  
[The Secret River](#)  
[The Secret River](#)  
["The Secret River" by Kate Grenville](#)  
[Silence in Kate Grenville's novel "The Secret River"](#)  
[Text Classics](#)  
[The Secret River and Searching for The Secret River](#)  
[Fortunate Life](#)  
[My Mother's Story](#)  
[Dreamhouse](#)  
[A Room Made of Leaves](#)  
[The Writing Book](#)  
[Searching for the Secret River](#)  
[The Lieutenant](#)  
[A Memoir](#)  
[That Deadman Dance](#)  
[Scrublands](#)  
[Joan Makes History](#)  
[Dancing with Strangers](#)  
[This is London](#)

*The Secret River By Kate Grenville*

Downloaded from [archive.imba.com](http://archive.imba.com) by guest

## MARQUEZ STEPHENSON

*Kate Grenville's The Secret River* ReadHowYouWant.com

From the literary iconic author of *The Yearling* comes an enchanting tale that transcends decades and generations. The Great Depression has hit, and Calpurnia and her family do not have enough. Not enough money, not enough food, not enough fish for Daddy to sell at the market. With the aid of a wise forest friend, Calpurnia discovers a secret river that provides an abundance of fish, which her community desperately needs. But when she returns the next day for more, she learns there is an important distinction between need and greed. Set during a time of want, *The Secret River* overflows with riches: marvelous language, mystical happenings, and wondrous, awe-inspiring artwork from legendary team Leo and Diane Dillon that brims with symbolism. Both timely and timeless, this lavish picture book is a classic in the making.

**A practical guide for fiction writers** Canongate Books

Kate Grenville's *The Secret River* was one of the most loved novels of 2006. Shortlisted for the Booker Prize and awarded the Commonwealth Writer's Prize, the story of William Thornhill and his journey from London to the other side of the world has moved and exhilarated hundreds of thousands of readers. *Searching for the Secret River* tells the story of how Grenville came to write this wonderful book. It is in itself an amazing story, beginning with Grenville's great-great-great grandfather. Grenville starts to investigate her ancestor, hoping to understand his life. She pursues him from Sydney to London and back, and slowly she begins to realise she must write about him. *Searching for the Secret River* maps this creative journey into fiction, and illuminates the importance of family in all our lives

[Elizabeth Macarthur's Letters](#) Canongate Books

Kate Grenville's collection of Elizabeth Macarthur's letters, the inspiration for her bestselling, award-winning novel *A Room Made of Leaves*

["The Secret River" by Kate Grenville](#) Text Publishing

Bachelor Thesis from the year 2017 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, University of Bonn, course: Settler Colonial Narratives (Australia), language: English, abstract: This paper tries to reconstruct the history of European Settlers coming to Australia in order to build up a new existence on foreign ground. The overall aim is to establish an understanding of the concept of terra nullius that labeled Australia literally into a no man's land and thereby justified and enabled its annexation by the inrushing convicts, settlers, entrepreneurs and adventurers. Within colonial discourse a colony was founded on the acquisition of land by occupation or settlement of a terra nullius. Although the presence of the Indigenous peoples was acknowledged, they were considered to be primitive and uncivilised. According to the colonial power without any visible political system the Indigenous peoples had no sovereignty over the land and no laws that would assert their land rights. Driven by the empowerment of terra nullius the newcomers claimed land as their own, mapped and named it. With these insights the focus of this paper will shift to the historical novel *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville in order to follow the protagonist William Thornhill's efforts to build up a new existence for his family in Australia and to present how the settlers' motivations and methods of claiming and possessing of land were implemented. The dispossession of the Indigenous peoples of Australia was legally recognised through the Mabo judgement in 1992 that overturned the terra nullius fiction and acknowledged that Indigenous peoples had lived in Australia for thousands of years and enjoyed rights to their land according to their own laws and customs.

[The Secret River by Kate Grenville](#) The Secret River

Study guide on this book, written for senior secondary English students and VCE English students.

**The Secret River** Insight Publications

Albert Facey's story is the story of Australia. Born in 1894, and first sent to work at the age of eight, Facey lived the rough frontier life of a labourer and farmer and jackaroo, becoming lost and then rescued by Indigenous trackers, then gaining a hard-won literacy, surviving Gallipoli, raising a family through the Depression, losing a son in the Second World War, and meeting his beloved Evelyn with whom he shared nearly sixty years of marriage. Despite enduring unimaginable hardships, Facey always saw his life as a fortunate one. A true classic of Australian literature, Facey's simply penned story offers a unique window onto the history of Australian life through the greater part of the twentieth century - the extraordinary journey of an ordinary man.

[The Secret River \[1 DVD, Rating M\]](#) Canongate Books

A completely practical workbook that offers down-to-earth ideas and suggestions for writers or aspiring writers to get you started and to keep you going.

**Lilian's Story** A&C Black

A turning point in the history of European literature, 'The Prisoner of Zenda' is one such fabulous work of Anthonu Hope which inspired an entire new genre in literature - Ruritanian Romance.

Published in 1894, this is an adventure novel in which the King of Ruritania is drugged on the eve of his coronation and thus, is unable to attend the ceremony. Political forces within the realm are such that, in order for the king to retain the crown, his coronation must proceed. Fortuitously, an English gentleman on holiday in Ruritania, who resembles the monarch, is persuaded to act as his political decoy in an effort to save the unstable political situation of the interregnum.

[The Portrayal of Convicts in The Secret River by Kate Grenville and The Playmaker by Thomas Keneally](#) HarperPerennial

Throughout Bobby Wabalanginy's young life the ships have been arriving, bringing European settlers to the south coast of Western Australia, where Bobby's people, the Noongar people, have always lived. Bobby, smart, resourceful and eager to please, has befriended the settlers, joining them as they hunt whales, till the land, and work to establish their new colony. He is welcomed into a prosperous white family and eventually finds himself falling in love with the daughter, Christine. But slowly - by design and by hazard - things begin to change. Not everyone is so pleased with the progress of the white colonists. Livestock mysteriously starts to disappear, crops are destroyed, there are 'accidents' and injuries on both sides. As the Europeans impose ever-stricter rules and regulations in order to keep the peace, Bobby's Elders decide they must respond in kind, and Bobby is forced to take sides, inexorably drawn into a series of events that will for ever change the future of his country. That Deadman Dance is haunted by tragedy, as most stories of first contact between European and native peoples are. But through Bobby's life, this novel exuberantly explores a moment in time when things might have been different, when black and white lived together in amazement rather than fear of the other, and when the world suddenly seemed twice as large and twice as promising.

*Sarah Thornhill* Macmillan

'BREATH-TAKING' Dolly Alderton, 'REMARKABLE' Marian Keyes, 'LIFE-CHANGING' Emma Jane Unsworth, 'COMPELLING' Amy Liptrot, 'EXTRAORDINARY' Sali Hughes To everyone else, Terri White appeared to be living the dream - living in New York City, with a top job editing a major magazine. In reality, she was struggling with the trauma of an abusive childhood and rapidly skidding towards a mental health crisis that would land her in a psychiatric ward. Coming Undone is Terri's story of her unravelling, and her precarious journey back from a life in pieces.

*Notes* A&C Black

'Winner of the Commonwealth Writers Prize and Australian Book Industry Awards, Book of the Year. After a childhood of poverty and petty crime in the slums of London, William Thornhill is transported to New South Wales for the term of his natural life. With his wife Sal and children in tow, he arrives in a harsh land that feels at first like a de...

*Benevolence* Canongate Books

'Winner of the Vance Palmer Award for Fiction, Victorian Premier's Literary Prize, 1995. Albion Gidley Singer creates his world as a vast collection of facts, facts he uses to support his own power and status. After an awkward childhood, aware that he is a disappointment to his father, he acquires, the trappings of respectability success in busi...

*Life and Death in the World City* Text Publishing

'Searching for the Secret River is the extraordinary story of how Kate Grenville came to write her award-winning novel, *The Secret River*. It all began with her ancestor Solomon Wiseman transported to New South Wales for the term of his natural life who later became a wealthy man and built his colonial mansion on the Hawkesbury. Increasingly obse...

*The Idea of Perfection* Allen & Unwin

A collection of short stories explores the experiences of characters including an obituary writer, two aged sisters, a married couple, and an unloving stepmother

**The Secret River** Text Publishing

'Clear, authentic and utterly engaging . . . it is as successful as it is authentic' Independent on Sunday Born to an unhappy marriage and into a deeply sexist society, Nance Russell worked hard for everything she had, and while the world changed around her, she went on to university, to opening businesses and raising a family. One Life is Nance's story - and many other women's too - beautifully captured by her daughter, the bestselling novelist Kate Grenville. Kate draws on the tales passed down to her to create an evocative portrait of life in twentieth-century rural Australia, and a deeply intimate and caring homage to a mother.

*One Life* GRIN Verlag

In 1788 Daniel Rooke sets out on a journey that will change the course of his life. As a lieutenant in the First Fleet, he lands on the wild and unknown shores of New South Wales. There he sets up an observatory to chart the stars. But this country will prove far more revelatory than the stars above. Based on real events, *The Lieutenant* tells the unforgettable story of Rooke's connection with an Aboriginal child - a remarkable friendship that resonates across the oceans and the centuries.

**Diplomsko Delo** Fremantle Press

Sarah Thornhill is the youngest child of William Thornhill, convict-turned-landowner on the Hawkesbury River. Her stepmother calls her willful, but handsome Jack Langland loves her and she loves him. Me and Jack, she thinks, how could it go wrong? But there's an ugly secret in Sarah's family. That secret takes her into the darkness of the past, and across the ocean to the wild coasts of New Zealand. Among the strangers of that other place, she can begin to understand. Kate Grenville takes us back to the early Australia of *The Secret River* and the Thornhill family. This is Sarah's story. It's a story of love lost and found, tangled histories and how it matters to keep stories alive.

*Learning by Heart* Magabala Books

A dark and funny new novel from the multi-award-winning author of *Mullumbimby*. Too much lip, her old problem from way back. And the older she got, the harder it seemed to get to swallow her opinions. The avalanche of bullshit in the world would drown her if she let it; the least she could do was raise her voice in anger. Wise-cracking Kerry Salter has spent a lifetime avoiding two things &-

her hometown and prison. But now her Pop is dying and she's an inch away from the lockup, so she heads south on a stolen Harley. Kerry plans to spend twenty-four hours, tops, over the border. She quickly discovers, though, that Bundjalung country has a funny way of grabbing on to people. Old family wounds open as the Salters fight to stop the development of their beloved river. And the unexpected arrival on the scene of a good-looking dugai fella intent on loving her up only adds more trouble &- but then trouble is Kerry's middle name. Gritty and darkly hilarious, *Too Much Lip* offers redemption and forgiveness where none seems possible.

*The Prisoner of Zenda* Univ. of Queensland Press

Winner of the Commonwealth Writers Prize and Australian Book Industry Awards, Book of the Year. In 1806 William Thornhill, a man of quick temper and deep feelings, is transported from the slums of London to New South Wales for the term of his natural life. With his wife Sal and their children he arrives in a harsh land he cannot understand. But the colony can turn a convict into a free man. Eight years later Thornhill sails up the Hawkesbury to claim a hundred acres for himself. Aboriginal people already live on that river. And other recent arrivals—Thomas Blackwood, Smasher Sullivan and Mrs Herring—are finding their own ways to respond to them. Thornhill, a man neither better nor worse than most, soon has to make the most difficult choice of his life. Inspired by research into her own family history, Kate Grenville vividly creates the reality of settler life, its longings, dangers and dilemmas. *The Secret River* is a brilliantly written book, a groundbreaking story about identity, belonging and ownership. Kate Grenville is one of Australia's most celebrated writers. Her bestselling novel *The Secret River* received the Commonwealth Writers' Prize, and was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize and the Miles Franklin Literary Award. *The Idea of Perfection* won the Orange Prize. Grenville's other novels include *Sarah Thornhill*, *The Lieutenant*, *Lillian's Story*, *Dark Places* and *Joan Makes History*. Kate lives in Sydney and her most recent book is *One Life: My Mother's Story*. 'The Secret River is fabulous historical fiction, a rich and challenging re-imagining of familiar territory...a riveting, dramatic exercise in understanding.' *Weekend Australian* 'The Secret River is a wonderful novel that will change the way we think about our past...I couldn't put it down.' Diana Gribble, *Reader* 'A powerful, highly credible account of how a limited man of good instincts becomes involved in enormity and atrocity.' Peter Craven, *Age* 'Kate Grenville's *The Secret River* stands out as a work of sustained power and imagination, of poetry and insight. No truer piece of fiction has been written about the Australian past.' Peter Temple, *Weekend Australian* 'Splendidly paced, passionate and disturbing.' Salley Vickers, *The Times UK* 'An outstanding study of cultures in collision...chilling, meticulous account of the sorrows and evils of colonialism.' *Saturday Guardian UK* 'A vivid and moving portrayal of poverty, struggle and the search for peace.' *Independent* 'Grenville's magnificent novel [is] an unflinching exploration of modern Australia's origins.' *New Yorker* 'The Secret River is a masterwork, a book that transcends historical fiction and becomes something deeply contemporary and pressing.' *Chicago Tribune* 'Grenville's powerful telling of this story is so moving, so exciting, that you're barely aware of how heavy and profound its meaning is until you reach the end in a moment of stunned sadness.' *Washington Post*

*Biblical Geography and History* Prabhat Prakashan

The first new novel in almost ten years from award-winning, best-selling author Kate Grenville.

Related with *The Secret River* By Kate Grenville:

- Aapc Exam Practice Questions : [click here](#)