

## When The Lion Feeds The Courtney Series 1

Set in the eighteenth century and reviving Tom Courtney, hero of Wilbur Smith's bestsellers *Monsoon* (1999) and *Blue Horizon* (2003), this new novel packs action, romance, and exotic settings into a rousing historical adventure. Francis Courtney flees the comfort of his grand country estate, when his stepfather's gambling debts leave him penniless and in grave danger. He travels to South Africa with revenge and fortune on his mind: his uncle Tom Courtney killed his father, and he plans on repaying the debt and making his fortune in the process. However, upon his arrival in Cape Town, he finds his whole world upturned ... Christopher Courtney sets out to make his own way in the world, giving up his privileged position as the son of the Governor of Bombay. The perils and betrayals that play out on his journey carve a fierce warrior out of him, but they also harden his soul and lead him to more violence and treachery. As the lives of the Courtney men intertwine, the sins of the fathers will forever change the lives of a younger generation.

In the same way Sean saw it coming, he recognised it as the murderous rage which before had nearly killed a man, but still he could not prepare himself. And then it was upon him and the roaring filled his head. Some will win. And some will lose. Sean Courtney returns from the African wilds to find war has been declared between the British Empire and the Transvaal Republic. Not only that, but a rivalry is growing between the cruel, obsessive son who bears his name, and his elder, secret son, whom he cherishes deeply. The Boer War will take from Sean, in both blood and gold, but the conflict and its consequences will also offer him everything a man could want. Sean must now decide: with both sons in his life, is he willing to pay the price he needs to keep them? A Courtney Series adventure - Book 2 in the When the Lion Feeds trilogy

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In the searing heat of a divided Africa two decades of bitter dynastic conflict explode with terrifying ferocity. To Gary and Sean Courtney it is a struggle to the end; brother pitted against brother as they are dragged unwittingly into the lair of an international terrorist. Only Isabella Courtney stands between them and the mutual destruction they have willed for so long. Beautiful, headstrong Isabella; the link to 'Golden Fox' - a man whose alias hides a sinister and deadly secret ...

Third high-octane installment in the bestselling author's compelling Jack Courtney Adventures for readers 9-12, following *CLOUDBURST* and *THUNDERBOLT*. On the pretext of making a film for his mother's environmental protection work, Jack wangles an expedition to the Arctic with his friends Amelia and Xander and cousin Caleb. But Xander's investigations into the mysterious backers funding their adventure raises Jack's suspicions. Is the renewable energy investment company really as environmentally responsible as it claims to be? While sledding with dogs, ice fishing, driving snowmobiles and sleeping in a self-made igloo, accidents beset them. Then disaster strikes when Caleb takes on a pack of wolves. Can Jack really trust his mother's friend Jonny Armfield to come to their help, or is he part of the problem?

Rod Ironsides, ambitious and hard-living mining expert, knows that the general managership of the Sonder Ditch gold mine is the chance of a lifetime. But the price of unquestioning obedience to the coldly obsessive genius of Dr Manfred Steyner proves impossible to pay. Both men are but unwitting tools of powerful people - for whom the control of a gold mine is only part of the realization of dreams and ambitions which include the destruction of the very mine itself...

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"The sun went down behind the storm clouds, and stained them with its blood, then the rain fell upon the ship in torrents. Solid sheets of water hammered the wooden decks so hard that the din drowned the men's voices and blotted out their vision." They leave as brothers. They must return as men. Famed sailor Hal Courtney is now a man of land and family. But when the King orders him to sail to Madagascar and stop the pirates responsible for looting the finest trading ships of the East India Trading Company and bringing ruin to them all, Hal must travel with his three younger sons on a journey that will shape the young men forever. In this swashbuckling adventure of marauders and slave-traders, love and treasure, the brothers will face duels, chases, betrayals and battles -- and see their fates cast in ways they could never have imagined...

A brand-new Courtney Series adventure. The action-packed new book in the Courtney Series and the sequel to *Courtney's War*. The war is over, Hitler is dead - and yet his evil legacy lives on. Saffron Courtney and her beloved husband Gerhard only just survived the brutal conflict, but Gerhard's Nazi-supporting brother, Konrad, is still free and determined to regain power. As a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse develops, a plot against the couple begins to stir. One that will have ramifications throughout Europe. . . Further afield in Kenya, the last outcrop of the colonial empire is feeling the stirrings of rebellion. As the situation becomes violent, and the Courtney family home is under threat, Leon Courtney finds himself caught between two powerful sides - and a battle for the freedom of a country. *Legacy of War* is a nail-biting story of courage, bravery, rebellion and war from the master of adventure fiction.

For readers of *Game of Thrones*, Ken Follett, and Clive Cussler: an epic adventure spanning land and sea... time and distance... courage, revenge, and everything in between. *GOLDEN LION* He saw his father executed in battle. He spent his youth avenging that death. And now Henry 'Hal' Courtney is a man with a ship – and a family – of his own. But fate has not finished with Hal. On a voyage along the eastern shore of Africa, a powerful enemy abducts his wife, the fearless warrior Judith... and with her, Hal's unborn child. For Hal, a man all too familiar with loss, there is only one way forward: He must track his nemesis across desert and ocean, through the slave markets of Zanzibar and the dangerous waters of the coast, in pursuit of the woman he loves, the child he sired, and the glorious destiny that awaits him. Bursting with action and suspense, heroism and heartache, this unforgettable novel proves once more that Wilbur Smith is the world's greatest adventure writer.

A Courtney series adventure - Book 3 in the When the Lion Feeds trilogy  
"Mark picked the weapon off the rack and the shape and feel of it brought memories crowding back. He thrust them aside. He would need a rifle where he was going." A father builds. A son destroys. General Sean Courtney returns from the horrors of the Great War in France, his mind on his heirs and his legacy. He is watching three potential successors: his beautiful but spoiled daughter, Storm; his corrupt, disgraced son Dirk; and his new young assistant, Mark Anders, a fellow survivor of the trenches. Mark finds himself trapped between Sean's two children, shaped by an impossible love for Storm, and a victim of Dirk's ongoing hatred, greed and jealousy. With all Sean's experience of war and family, can he protect Mark -- and everything Sean has ever stood for?

The New York Times bestselling author of *Desert God* and *Pharaoh* adds another chapter to his popular historical saga featuring the seafaring Tom Courtney, the hero of *Monsoon* and *Blue Horizon*, with this magnificent swashbuckling saga set in the eighteenth century and packed with action, violence, romance, and rousing adventure. Tom Courtney, one of four sons of master mariner Sir Hal Courtney, once again sets sail on a treacherous journey that will take him across the vast reaches of the ocean and pit him against dangerous enemies in exotic destinations. But just as the winds propel his sails, passion drives his heart. Turning his ship towards the unknown, Tom Courtney will ultimately find his destiny—and lay the future for the Courtney family. Wilbur Smith, the world's greatest storyteller, once again recreates all the drama, uncertainty, and courage of a bygone era in this

thrilling saga of the sea.

Contains three stories - When the Lion Feeds, in which twins Sean and Garrick are driven apart, The Dark of the Sun in which white mercenaries are up against a ruthless enemy, and Hungry As the Sea, where courage, obsession and danger are on board a ship bound for the polar regions.

'The poachers that come across this side are organised and better armed than we are. They shoot to kill - men as well as elephants and rhino. We have been forced to do the same. If we run into a band of poachers, we shoot first.' Who sings for the lost country? Dr Daniel Armstrong, ecologist and documentary maker, has dedicated his life to protecting Africa's animals and rainforests. But when a gang of poachers murders his childhood friend, Chief Warden of the National Park, and steals the government-protected ivory stores, Daniel's quest of passion becomes one of revenge. As he calls on his expert knowledge and insider connections to investigate who ordered the savage killing, he will discover much worse than simple murder. There is a greed and corruption devastating the country, a greed which views every person and animal as something to make the rich even richer. Can Daniel save the place he loves from such a powerful, destructive hand? An action-packed adventure of the destruction brought about by greed, from global bestseller Wilbur Smith

One of the world's great storytellers, Wilbur Smith captivates readers' imaginations in this classic novel of passion, adventure, and one man's destiny. ON A CONTINENT WHERE MAGNIFICENT RICHES WERE HIDDEN... He began life at his twin brother's side, soon running wild on his father's ranch on the edge of Africa. But violence, desire, and fate sent Sean Courtney into exile-where he would fight and love his way to extraordinary success and heartbreaking failure... LIVES WOULD BE LIVED AND LOST. In a place called the Ridge of White Waters, Sean made a life-long friendship, mined a fortune in gold, and met his own demons. Then an act of cunning betrayal struck-and ignited a new adventure to a new frontier. AND TO THE DARING WENT THE GREATEST FORTUNE OF ALL... From facing the murderous charge of a towering bull elephant to watching men die unspeakable deaths, Sean fought new enemies, forged new allies-and dreamed of establishing a family on a farm of his own. But the young man who had lived by his courage, sweat, and blood was about to discover that the past still had its claws in him... "Smith [is] a rare author who wields a razor-sharp sword of craftsmanship." -Tulsa World

The lion rose lightly into the air, and settled like a huge yellow bird on the horse's back, crushing Jan Cheroot beneath his massive, blood-streaked body. At that instant, horse and rider and lion seemed to disappear into the very earth, and there was only a swirling column of dust to mark where they had been. A new generation. An age-old struggle. Ralph Ballantyne is following in his father Zouga's footsteps, as a hunter, gold prospector and promoter of British colonialism in Africa. But the tribes that they - and men like them - have previously exploited or butchered in the name of civilisation are rising up, and will no longer submit quietly to the greed and mindless destruction of the trespassers. Over a hundred years later, Ralph's descendants are still in Africa, in the newly named Zimbabwe, and the battles have not yet ended. In fact, for Craig Mellow, the last Ballantyne, there is still a terrible price to pay for the actions of his ancestors... The third book in the epic Ballantyne Series

A Courtney series adventure - Book 1 in the When the Lion Feeds trilogy A Courtney series adventure: When the Lion Feeds trilogy - Book 1 "'What is it?' Sean felt the first tingle of alarm. 'N'yon!', said Mbejane softly and Sean saw them. A dark pall, still so far off that they could not distinguish the individual birds: only a shadow, a thin dark shadow in the sky. Watching it Sean was suddenly cold in the hot noonday sun. He started to run." Brothers by birth. Enemies by blood. Natal, 1860; the Courtney twins are born. Heirs to their father's fortune, destiny divides the boys from the start -- Garrick is eager to stay indoors with a book and escape the hardships of cattle-rearing, while Sean, strong and much-loved, wants to try his hand at everything. When Garrick is forced to take ownership of their farm, Sean must explore the opportunities awaiting him: the rush and horrors of the Zulu Wars, the women who will fall for his charms, the rise and fall of gold fever and the deadly thrills of big game hunting on the African plains. But will Sean's adventures really be his making -- and at what ultimate cost...?

'We are Courtneys. We don't have to fight with our fists. We fight with power and money and influence. Nobody can beat us on our own ground.' A powerful family. A time of war. Centaine de Thiry Courtney has not only survived, but thrived. A successful woman with two sons of her own: Shasa Courtney, the Courtney heir, and Manfred de la Rey, Shasa's half-brother, her secret child raised solely by his father. At the time of the Great Depression, Centaine must make difficult decisions to ensure the security of her family - decisions that will affect Manfred and his father, Lothar de la Rey, a man Centaine once loved. But the world is changing, and conflicts greater than any the world has seen before are looming. Centaine and her children must face the upcoming war - where not all of them will be on the same side... A Courtney Series adventure - Book 2 in The Burning Shore sequence

Even before he could move, the full realisation of what confronted him blazed in the Pharaoh's mind. This was the foul and loathsome thing that Taita, with his clairvoyant powers, had smelt in the air. The light was strong enough for him to make out every detail of the enemy he had loved as a friend. The magic of the gods. The treachery of man. In his long life, Taita has gone from slave to warlock, and now his wisdom and abilities are known throughout the kingdom. But even his immense skills cannot protect those close to him from the evil that lurks at the heart of Egypt: Lord Naja, self-proclaimed Regent until the Prince comes of age. Taita must summon all of his formidable gifts to protect the true ruler, the young prince Nefer - grandson of Queen Lostris. As enemy forces join together to bring destruction to the whole land, it is no longer a matter of simple magic. To defeat the false Pharaohs, the gods and armies must share their powers with a mortal warlock . . . The third book in the epic Egyptian Series

A Courtney series adventure - Book 3 in the Birds of Prey trilogy Jim sprang back on to the truck of the violently rocking wagon, and stared across at Manatasee. She saw him and pointed her assegai at his face. Then he saw the length of slow-match had been exposed across the last yard of trampled earth below the mound on which the queen stood. The swift flame shot along it, leaving the fuse blackened and twisted as it burned. Jim clenched his jaws and waited for the explosion. ' A powerful enemy. A land of second chances. Jim Courtney is protected by all the wealth and influence that his family's successful business, the Courtney Brothers Trading Company, can provide in the Dutch-owned colonies of South Africa. Louisa Leuven is an orphaned young woman who escaped the plague only to be unjustly imprisoned and transported to the Cape. When a storm destroys her

prison ship, Jim is her only hope of escape. But Louise and Jim have greater adventures in the African wilds ahead of them: they must flee from Dutch forces who seek not only to recapture their prisoner, but also to hunt down and hang Jim Courtney - and punish the other member of the Courtney family, however they can...

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