

The Disinherited: A Story of Family, Love and Betrayal

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Traces the 1914 suicide of Henry Sackville-West in the aftermath of his wife's cancer-related death and his failed efforts to be recognized as a legitimate heir, exploring how the lives of his legitimate and illegitimate siblings reflect the secret world of a British dynasty.

After studying History at Oxford University, Robert Sackville-West worked in publishing, founding Toucan Books in 1985, which creates illustrated non-fiction books for an international market. He now combines that with chairing Knole Estates, the property and investment company which runs the Sackville family's interests at Knole. In 2008, he and his wife and three children moved in the house, which has been occupied by the Sackville family for 400 years.

"Bitter sibling rivalries; the disputed inheritance of a vast, magnificent and historic house; a scandalous lawsuit. You could be forgiven for thinking of Downton Abbey, but the story Robert Sackville-West tells in *The Disinherited*, his second book about his home, Knole House (or Castle) in Kent, is not only more complex and far-reaching than the fates of the fictional Crawleys, but it also has the significant advantage of being true." -Historical Novels Review

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