

**Representations of Masculinity in Wilbur Smith's Courtney Saga.
Contextual Causes and Strategies of Authorial Control**



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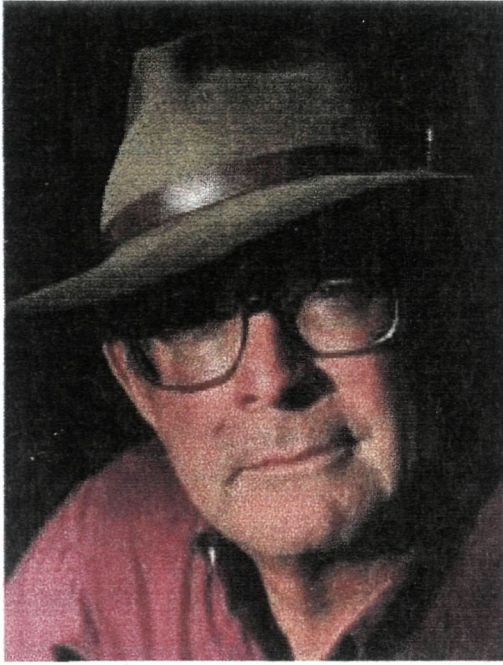


Figure 19. Wilbur Smith

Appendix 4

What about Wilbur Smith?¹

- Name: Wilbur Addison Smith.
- Born: 9 January, 1933, Broken Hill, Northern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).
- Married (first wife): Jewell Sabbert, 28 August 1964.
- Married (third wife): Danielle (Dee Dee) Antoinette Thomas, February 1971. She was born in Zambia of British and Welsh / Irish parents. She graduated from the University of Cape Town and then went on to teach for fifteen years, showing a special interest in the education of difficult children. She is now Wilbur Smith's editor and researcher and has written four novels herself: *Children of Darkness*, *Voices in the Wind*, *Cry of Silence* and *Drumbeat*.
- Children: from his first marriage Christian and Shaun, although he has cut all his ties with them. In their place there is Dieter, Danielle's son from her first marriage, whom Smith raised with Danielle. Smith does not like to talk about his personal life, so he is reluctant to explain what really drove him to part with his two own children.
- Education: Michaelhouse (private residential school in Natal) and Rhodes University (Grahamstown, South Africa).
- Graduated: Bachelor of Commerce, 1954.
- Author: 1964-present. His first novel was *When the Lion Feeds*, the first volume of his Courtney saga. Although he started writing one novel per year, he now writes one every two years. His books have sold over seventy million copies (some sources establish he has sold more than one hundred million copies). In the United

¹ All the information about Wilbur Smith's life comes from the following web pages:
<http://www.outtlere.co.za./97/1103/profoct.html>
<http://members.tripod.com/~rollindice/Smith.html>
<http://www.usatoday.com/life/enter/books/leb324.html>
<http://www.chariot.net.au/~rastous/wilbur.html>
<http://library.northernlight.com/PN199911010031276.html>

States, where Wilbur Smith's novels had been largely ignored in the past, Smith's novels more than quadrupled in sales in 1996-1997.

- Address in South Africa: Sunbird Hill, 34 Klaansens Road, Constantia 7800, South Africa. This house is part of the original Cecil Rhodes Estate, on the side of Table Mountain, Cape Town.
- Address in London: 55 Yeomans Row, London, SW3 2AL, United Kingdom.
- Agent's address in the United States: Jon Brown, The Brown Group, 9300 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills CA.
- Agent's address in London: Charles Pick Consultancy Limited, 2 Beresford Terrace, London N5 2DH.
- Member of: Chartered Institute of Secretaries, South Africa Wildlife Society (trustee), Friends of Conservation (trustee), Rhodesian Wildlife Conservation Association, British Sub Aqua Club.
- Languages: apart from British, Afrikaans, Zulu and some other African dialects.

Additional personal information, idiosyncrasies and curiosities

- Smith has dedicated each of his books published after 1971 to his wife, Danielle. He even makes a point of beginning each new novel on their wedding anniversary.
- Smith hates interviews for he feels he has said everything possible that is to be said about what he writes and about his personal life.
- Both his parents were born in England and taken to Africa as children and Wilbur Smith holds both British and South African citizenship.
- Smith's father is the model for many of the intimidating father figures in his novels. He was a big man with huge arms and muscles and hands that could crush bones just from physical work. He was also a conservative, hard-working man who lived according to honest, simple values. He wanted his son to do something sensible with his life, like being an accountant. Wilbur Smith actually worked as an accountant in his early twenties. When he abandoned his job to become a writer, his father could not understand it. Smith's father was not a man who read many books and Wilbur Smith doubts he ever read one by his own son, not even the first

one, which Smith dedicated to him. Smith claims that writing came naturally to him and that it was in his blood.

- Smith bases his many characters with physical disabilities on himself. He had polio when he was a child and his right leg is withered.
- Wilbur was named after Wilbur Wright, one of the flight pioneering Wright brothers.
- In the jacket photograph on his most recent books Smith appears as the archetypal great white hunter: khaki shirt, tousled hair, rugged and all-conquering. Smith has, in fact, been the great white hunter figure so prominently featured in many of his books. He claims a passion for hunting, birding and fishing.
- Smith has a sprawling game farm in the Klein Karoo, where he has introduced a variety of antelope. He proudly claims to have restored species to the land (which used to be nine adjacent sheep farms before he got hold of it) that had not been present for three hundred years. He likes to creep around and watch his own herds of antelope through binoculars to see how new arrivals are settling into the environment and getting to know their habits. From time to time he does a game count and when there are too many of them he auctions some off and shoots some for meat.
- He has shot all sorts of animals, including elephants - though he did not like it for he says it was like shooting a sad old man. He follows the laws of ethical hunting and is a firm believer in the sustainable use of hunting. In fact, he disapproves of people who believe that no animal should be touched by man for he finds it naive and a way of actually condemning the animals to extinction. Yet, he claims he is a conservationist.
- The author's interest in wildlife stems from a childhood spent in Northern Rhodesia, where his father owned a small maize farm surrounded by wild bush. Smith used to spend the summer holidays wandering around with a black companion, killing small birds with a slingshot. His father was an outdoor man so he kept guns on the rack, fishing rods behind the doors and pointer dogs in the house. His father would also organise a safari expedition every year. He would first survey the area in his Tiger moth plane to find out where the wild game was. Six weeks or so before they were due to leave, he would send some of his staff on

bicycles with bags full of matches to burn the bush. After the first rains, the new grass would grow and the animals would congregate there. Then they would start the actual safari expedition, taking two or three trucks with all the farm personnel and everything they needed.

- Smith's early days in the African bush also instilled in him a love for fishing. At present, he has a house in the Seychelles where he keeps a boat. His boatman is called Jean Claude, who, when Smith first interviewed him for the job, described himself as '*un fishier dangereuse*'. With Jean Claude, Smith fishes for snapper and grouper. He also goes to Russia every year and fishes with a group of friends, going for Atlantic salmon on fly. Later on he goes to Oregon for king salmon.
- Smith keeps lots of black families as servants. He claims he buys anyone who has worked for him for twenty-five years a house and that he educates all their children. He has about twenty-five kids attending technical college at the moment.
- When he finds himself in Paris, where his wife likes to do a little dress buying, he goes to his favourite cathedral and lights the biggest candle he can buy, not to ask for anything but to say thanks for everything he has.
- Wilbur's first four novels were originally banned in South Africa for their indecent, obscene and objectionable content; also, his phone was tapped.
- His actual first novel has never seen the light of day and was rejected twenty times. It is still unpublished. Smith claims he keeps it in a safe place and that, whenever he starts to believe his own publicity, he gets the book out to bring himself back to earth. He also claims he is going to destroy it before his death.
- *River God* was the first novel that was typed and not penned. He has been offered \$250,000 for the hand-written copy of *When the Lion Feeds*, but has turned it down.
- One man was buried with every Wilbur Smith novel when he died. (name and country not specified)
- Wilbur Smith discovered a ruined city in Botswana, which became the inspiration for *The Sunbird* and it is now a regular tourist spot. *The Sunbird* is also Smith's favourite novel. It has special significance for him because it was the first novel he wrote after meeting Danielle. His personal stationery has a small, royal blue sunbird at the top. His property in Constantia is called 'Sunbird Hill'. On the

bottom right hand corner of his hard-cover books, actually embossed into the cover, is an impression of the same bird that is on his stationary.

- Some readers do apparently read Smith's books for their doses of fairly explicit sexual activity. According to an anonymous source on the net, the interested reader can pick up any of Smith's books in a bookshop, hold it gently by the spine, and wait for it to fall open at the places where other individuals with similarly dirty minds have already done the groundwork and sniffed out the more challenging parts of the narrative.

Books written so far (in order of publication)

1. *When the Lion Feeds* (1964)
2. *The Dark of the Sun* (1965)
3. *The Sound of Thunder* (1966)
4. *Shout at the Devil* (1968)
5. *Gold Mine* (1970)
6. *The Sunbird* (1972)
7. *The Diamond Hunters* (1973)
8. *Eagle in the Sky* (1974)
9. *The Eye of the Tiger* (1975)
10. *Cry Wolf* (1976)
11. *The Burning Shore* (1976)
12. *A Sparrow Falls* (1977)
13. *Hungry as the Sea* (1978)
14. *Wild Justice* (1979)
15. *A Falcon Flies* (1980)
16. *Men of Men* (1981)
17. *The Angels Weep* (1982)
18. *The Leopard Hunts in Darkness* (1984)
19. *Power of the Sword* (1986)
20. *Rage* (1987)

21. *A Time to Die* (1989)
22. *Golden Fox* (1990)
23. *Elephant Song* (1991)
24. *River God* (1993)
25. *The Seventh Scroll* (1995)
26. *Birds of Prey* (1997)
27. *Monsoon* (1999)

Books to movies²

The Dark of the Sun

The Mercenaries: GB, 1968, 100m, Metrocolor, Panavision, MGM/George Englund

US title: *The Dark of the Sun*

Synopsis: In the Belgian Congo in 1960 a mercenary officer is ordered to bring back a fortune in diamonds by armoured train.

Assessment: Basically an old-fashioned thriller about the hazards of a journey beset with brutish villains and damsels in distress, this unpleasant film is notable for the amount of sadistic action it crams into its running time

Written by: Quentin Werty and Adrian Spies

Director: Jack Cardiff

Photography: Edward Scaife

Music: Jaques Loussier

Cast: Rod Taylor, Yvette Mimieux, Kenneth More, Jim Brown, Peter Carsten, André Morell, Guy Deghy, Calvin Lockhart, Alan Gifford.

Critical comments:

“The violence done to the human body is matched by the violence done to the intelligence by a stock adventure story given a gloss of topicality and social insult.” (Judith Crist)

Gold Mine

Gold: GB, 1974, 124m, Technicolor, Panavision, Hemdale/Avton (Michael Klinger)

Synopsis: A South African mining engineer falls for the boss's granddaughter and exposes a conspiracy.

Assessment: Old-fashioned thick ear with spectacular underground sequences and a rousing finale.

Written by: Wilbur Smith and Stanley Price

Director: Peter Hunt

Photography: Ousama Rawi

Music: Elmer Bernstein

Cast: Roger Moore, Susannah York, Ray Milland, Bradford Dillman, John Gielgud, Tony Beckley

² Entries found in: John Walker, ed. *Halliwel's Film and Video Guide 1999* (London: HarperCollins, 1999)

Additional information: The song "Wherever Love Takes Me," written for the film by Elmer Bernstein with lyrics by Don Black, received an Academy Award nomination.

Shout at the Devil

Shout at the Devil: GB, 1976, 147m, Technicolor, Panavision, Tonav (Michael Klinger)

Synopsis: In 1913 Zanzibar, a hard-drinking American and an old Etonian Englishman join forces to rout a brutal German commissioner who resents their poaching ivory in his territory.

Assessment: The main characters are respectively repellent, effete, and just plain nasty, but the action scenes are vivid and the production is mainly notable as an expensive old-fashioned British film made at a time when there were few British films of any kind.

Written by: Wilbur Smith, Stanley Price and Alastair Reid

Director: Peter Hunt

Photography: Mike Reed

Music: Maurice Jarre

Cast: Lee Marvin, Roger Moore, Barbara Parkins, René Kolldehoff, Ian Holm, Karl Michael Vogler, Maurice Denham, Jean Kent, Robert Lant, Murray Melvin, George Coulouris.

Critical comments:

"Elephantine plod through the action highlights of a best-seller." (*Sight and Sound*)

Additional information: The film was shot on location in a town called Port St Johns in the Transkei on the east coast of South Africa. The burning and exploding planes and ships seen are actually cardboard models.

The novel *Wild Justice* has been filmed for TV. Also, Sylvester Stallone has bought the movie rights to three of Wilbur Smith's novels and may be starring in *The Eye of the Tiger* soon.

About the novels (general)³

- All of Smith's novels have African settings, the majority with a Southern African focus and a literary heritage, seen most explicitly in *The Sunbird*, derived from the work of H. Rider Haggard.
- Smith's fiction concerns itself principally with three areas of popular appeal (the military, the economic and the sexual) which Smith exploits to varying but exhaustive degrees, with both contemporary and historical reference.
- Typical of Smith's contemporary military scenarios are *The Dark of the Sun*, set in the Congo, *Eagle in the Sky*, which draws heavy parallels between Israeli and South

³ Information provided in: John Stotesbury, "Smith, Wilbur (Addison)," *Encyclopedia of Post-Colonial Literatures in English*, ed. Eugene Benson and L.W. Connolly, 1506.

African security dilemmas, and *A Time to Die*, which expresses a remarkable fictional contempt for Moçambique's attempt to resist Renamo-inspired destabilisation.

- *Gold Mine* epitomises Smith's control of the thriller format. Its plot focuses on a foreign conspiracy in which a gold-mine chairman is coerced into ordering blasting in an area liable to destructive and permanent flooding. Deterring the threat requires the sexualisation of the dominant heroic perspective and a racialisation of character relationships that typify Smith's writing.
- Wilbur Smith has two sagas: the Courtney and the Ballantyne sagas. The Courtney saga covers the South African socio-political development over the centuries. The Ballantyne saga (*A Falcon Flies*, *Men of Men*, *The Angels Weep* and *The Leopard Hunts in Darkness*) examines the colonial history of Rhodesia and Zimbabwe.
- Only three of his novels take place in the distant past: *River God*, which takes place in ancient Egypt, and the latest Courtney novels, *Birds of Prey* and *Monsoon*, which take place in seventeenth-century England and Africa.

The Courtney novels

The Courtney novels are, by far, the most popular novels written by Wilbur Smith together with his two Egyptian tales (*River God* and *The Seventh Scroll*). The saga comprises the following volumes:

When the Lion Feeds (1964). This novel traces the development of the hero, Sean Courtney I, as he lives through the Zulu War, creates a vast gold mining empire in the Witwatersrand area near Johannesburg and, when it collapses, moves north to the Limpopo area to hunt elephants for their tusks. In the Limpopo area, Sean I comes across a family of Boer trekkers, bonds with Jean Paulus Leroux, one of the Boer family's elder sons, and marries one of the daughters, Katrina. Katrina gives Sean I a son, Dirk. After a severe bout of malaria, Katrina has a miscarriage so she loses their second baby. Soon after her partial recovery, her body still weakened, Katrina commits suicide in Johannesburg. Sean I also has a bastard son, Michael I, from his

adolescent days. Anna I, Michael I's mother, married Garrick I, Sean I's twin brother, when she thought Sean I had been killed during the Zulu War. Garrick I brings Michael I up as if he was his own son in the family home, Theunis Kraal, Natal.

The Sound of Thunder (1966). In this novel, Sean Courtney I, now middle aged, joins the Natal Mounted Rifles during the Boer War and is eventually promoted to general; befriends a Jewish soldier, Saul Friedman; has an affair with Saul's wife, Ruth, and fathers a baby girl, Storm. After the war, he goes back to his birthplace, Natal, builds himself a farm, Lion Kop, and erects a vast wattle empire with the help of his bastard son, Michael I. Saul dies during the war, so Sean I and Ruth can marry. Now happily settled in Lion Kop, he decides to join Smuts' South African Party and heads the Natal branch of the party. Meanwhile, his son Dirk becomes increasingly wild and jealous of his father's new family connections; eventually, Dirk is directly involved in a murder and his father sends him away from him and from South Africa. Sean I also has to sort out his personal problems with Garrick I, his twin brother. Anna I, Garrick I's first wife, made Garrick I believe Sean I had tried to rape her, so Garrick I is full of spite against Sean I. When Anna I, half-crazed by her obsession with Sean I, dies during a fire she herself provokes, Garrick I and Sean I make peace and decide to join their two farming estates, Lion Kop and Theunis Kraal.

A Sparrow Falls (1977). After Michael Courtney I's death during World War I, Sean Courtney I experiences a great sense of parental loss. Mark Anders, a young South African soldier, Sean I meets in France during the war, will soon occupy the place Mark used to have in Sean I's heart. Mark comes back from France to find that his grandfather's properties have been stolen and his grandfather murdered. After working on the mines in Fordsburg, Johannesburg, and having an affair with Helena MacDonald, his communist friend, Fergus', wife; and after working for a while as a car salesman for Dicky Lancome in Ladyburg, Natal, Mark is employed by Sean I as his personal secretary and Sean I learns to love him as if he was his own son. Mark falls in love with Storm Courtney, Sean I and Ruth's daughter, and is loved by her in return. Yet, she is too proud and class-minded to marry Mark; eventually, Storm gets pregnant by Mark but marries Derek Hunt, a rich womaniser and notorious socialite

for she is frightened of her father's reaction towards both herself and Mark if he finds out she has become pregnant before marrying. Derek, Storm soon finds out, has lost all his money and has only married her for her father's wealth; furthermore, he abuses Storm. Disowned by her father for marrying a man Sean I disapproves of, Derek files for divorce, so Storm is left alone to fare for herself and her baby boy, John. Meanwhile, Mark marries Marion Littlejohn, a librarian, and tries to discover the identity of the man who was responsible for his grandfather's death. Eventually he discovers Dirk Courtney is that man. Dirk has, in fact, returned to South Africa and used the fortune he dishonestly made during the Opium War in China to erect his own farming and financial empire in Natal, even if that has meant using extortion and resorting to murder to gain possession of the land. Dirk also becomes his own father's main enemy. When Sean I refuses to help Dirk to flood Chaka's Gate in the Bubezi Valley, a natural preserve, in order to build a dam, Dirk swears he is going to kill Sean I and his family. Sean I, meanwhile, uses his political influence as a minister for the South African Party to pass legislation to turn Chaka's Gate into a national park. Mark is appointed warden of Chaka's Gate. After Marion's, his wife's, death, Mark marries Storm, who is now humbled and ready to give everything up for the man she really loves. Sean I and Ruth are assassinated by Dirk. Mark cannot prevent it from happening, but can at least make Dirk pay for what he has done; he engages in hand-to-hand combat with Dirk and kills him. The contents of Sean I's will close this novel. He bequeaths all his properties and money to Mark in his capacity as the Trustee of the Wild Life Protection Society, a society aimed at furthering the development and extension of the proclaimed lands of Chaka's Gate into a Wild Life Reservation.

The Burning Shore (1976). Although published before *A Sparrow Falls*, this novel introduces the characters that determine the development of the Courtney saga in future instalments, so it makes more sense if read after *A Sparrow Falls*. Michael Courtney I is introduced as a soldier during World War I France. He falls in love with Centaine de Thiry, a French aristocrat, and fathers her child, but Michael I dies before they can get married. Centaine decides to travel to South Africa to meet Michael I's family and to start a new life, so, with this purpose in mind, she embarks on a British hospital ship, the *Protea Castle*, which is carrying wounded South African soldiers

back to their country. The *Protea Castle* sinks when torpedoed by a German U-boat and Centaine is stranded on Namibia's Skeleton Coast. Aided by two San, H'ani and O'wa, Centaine crosses the Kalahari Desert, gives birth to her son, whom she names Shasa, the San name for Good Water, and, incidentally, stumbles over a diamond mine in the San's natural sanctuary, the Place of All Life. After this recess in the wilderness, Centaine decides to go back to 'civilisation' and leaves H'ani and O'wa behind. Attacked by a lion, she is rescued by Lothar de la Rey, a Boer outlaw and a nephew of the legendary Boer general Koos de la Rey. Lothar refused to give up the Boer campaign against the British after the Boer War and, together with his father, conducted sabotage acts against the British. Now the British have put a price on his head and is wanted by the authorities in South Africa. Lothar falls in love with Centaine and decides to help her and her baby son. Centaine feels passion for him and they have an affair. However, when she discovers Lothar killed H'ani and O'wa when they approached Lothar's encampment to make sure Centaine was well taken care of, Centaine's feelings of affection toward Lothar turn into solid hatred. Meanwhile, Lothar contacts Garrick Courtney I. Garrick I, Michael I's legal father, aided by Anna II, Centaine's nursemaid and servant, had started a rescue operation to try to find Centaine and offered a reward to anyone who could provide them with information about her whereabouts. Lothar accepts to give Centaine to him in return for immunity in South Africa. Garrick I agrees and Centaine and her child can now join Michael I's family in South Africa. Yet, to her dismay, Centaine finds she is expecting Lothar's baby. She decides to give birth to him without telling her family but refuses to even see her baby; Lothar takes the baby, Manfred, with him and brings him up on his own. Centaine goes back to her family and to Garrick I, who decides to adopt Shasa legally. Yet, Centaine does not want to be maintained by Michael I's father. With the help of two men, Twentyman-Jones and Abraham Abrahams, she turns the Place of All Life into a prosperous mine, the H'ani Mine, and erects her own mining empire.

Power of the Sword (1986). Centaine turns the H'ani Mine into a prosperous business, the Courtney Mining and Finance Company, and she becomes one of the wealthiest and most influential women in South Africa. Her son, Shasa, is brought up to become the heir to his mother's empire. Centaine falls in love with Blaine

Malcomess, the British Administrator in Namibia, who, in turn, is married to Isabella and is father to two daughters, Tara and Mathilda Janine. Also, Centaine exacts revenge on Lothar for what he did to H'ani and O'wa by ruining his fish canning factory in Walvis Bay. Because of this, Lothar decides to steal Centaine's diamonds when she is carrying them from the mine to Windhoek. Aided by his black men, especially by Hendrick Tabaka, an Ovambo, Lothar takes her diamonds but is badly injured and eventually caught and imprisoned. Yet, Centaine never recovers her diamonds, which Lothar has given to his men and to his son (Manfred), although they can never make use of them or sell them. Centaine loses her fortune, but aided by Blaine, who has become her lover, she manages to re-build her empire. The novel then focuses on the lives of three of its main characters: Shasa, Manfred and Hendrick Tabaka.

Shasa finishes his business degree and takes the reins of and expands Centaine's company; he also participates in the Olympic games in Berlin in 1936, and, after his involvement in the World War II campaign in Abyssinia, becomes a United Party minister. He also falls in love with and marries Tara, Blaine's eldest daughter who, in turn, befriends communist, anti-apartheid supporters and disapproves of the government's policies after the National Party victory in 1948. Manfred is brought up by his Afrikaner uncle, Tromp Bierman; he has a brief affair with Sarah, a poor Afrikaner orphan Lothar and Manfred saved from destitution and left in the Bierman's homestead; and he does a degree at the Afrikaner university in Stellenbosch. Manfred also becomes a member of the South African boxing team, participates in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin and, after his victory, he decides to stay in Germany where he receives training by the Nazis; he also marries Heidi Krammer, a Nazi intelligence officer. When he returns to South Africa, he joins the *Ossewa Brandwag*, an Afrikaner, anti-British secret society and heads the 'White Sword' plot ('White Sword' is his secret name) to assassinate Smuts; however, he kills Garrick Courtney I by mistake. Meanwhile, Sarah has married Roelf Stander; she became pregnant by Manfred and Roelf, Manfred's friend and also a member of the *Ossewa Brandwag*, is ready to bring up Sarah's baby as if he was his own son out of love for Sarah. Eventually, Manfred joins the National Party and becomes an influential political figure. Hendrick returns to his Ovambo village where he is reunited with his half-

brother, Moses Gama. Together, they go to *Goldi* (the gold mining area in the Witwatersrand) to work on the mines. In *Goldi*, Moses organises and heads the African Mine Workers Union. Moses also sets up the Buffaloes, a brotherhood of black men who fight against their 'white oppressors' and who, with the use of violence, become the 'masters' of Drake's Farm and many other black townships. Basically, they control all the *shebeens*, where they meet to plot against whites and which generate the money they need to get themselves organised and buy weapons.

Rage (1987). This novel focuses on the lives of Shasa Courtney, Manfred de la Rey and Moses Gama and their involvement in the events that occurred during the convoluted years that followed the victory of the National Party in South Africa and the implementation of the apartheid regime. Particularly, the novel features the creation of *Umkhonto we Sizwe* ('the Spear of the Nation', the ANC's military wing), the Defiance Campaign and the Soweto events; the 1958 elections, which ratified the victory of the National Party, and Verwoerd's, the Prime Minister's, withdrawal of South Africa's application for continued membership of the Commonwealth after attaining the status of a republic in 1960. Finally the novel narrates the effects of Eisenhower's arms embargo against South Africa as a punitive reaction to the Sharpeville massacre and the racial policies of the Verwoerd government, and Verwoerd's assassination plotted by Joe Cicero (a fictionalisation of Joe Slovo), the secretary general of the South African Communist Party, a colonel in the Russian KGB, and a chief of staff of *Umkhonto we Sizwe*.

The main characters in the novel are affected differently by these events. Shasa's business capabilities never desert him and he becomes increasingly prosperous. He fathers four children, Sean II, Michael II, Garrick II and Bella. Yet, his wife, Tara, never abandons her communist ideas; Tara, in fact, falls for Moses Gama and he manipulates her in order to obtain information from Tara's husband; she becomes pregnant by him and has a baby, Ben Afrika, and even helps him plant a bomb in the houses of parliament in Cape Town. Shasa joins the National Party because he finds the United Party does not have enough power in South Africa. Eventually, he becomes the National Party Minister of Mines and Industry. Manfred de la Rey becomes the National Party Minister of Police and has a son, Lothar Jr, who

becomes a police officer himself and participates in the Sharpeville events. However, both Manfred and Shasa lose their political prestige. When Verwoerd is assassinated Manfred expects to win the premiership. However, Sarah Stander, out of spite against Manfred, tells Shasa about Manfred's terrorist past when, as the 'White Sword', he was responsible for Garrick Courtney I's assassination. Shasa accepts never to reveal Manfred's past out of love for his mother, Centaine, who is also Manfred's mother. Yet, in return for his silence, he expects Manfred to retire from public life. When Balthazar Johannes Vorster succeeds Verwoerd as Prime Minister, he sends Shasa to England as the South African ambassador. It is just a very polite way to eliminate Shasa from the political panorama and to punish him for having supported Manfred, and not Vorster, for the premiership. Moses Gama, meanwhile, marries a Zulu, Victoria Dinizulu, a descendant of Chaka and granddaughter of Mbejane, Sean Courtney I's servant. Moses is an active ANC member and the instigator of *Umkhonto we Sizwe*. Yet, he does not want to share his leadership with Nelson Mandela. When, after a period of military training in Russia, Moses comes back to South Africa, he finds that he has lost all the popularity he used to have. He then decides to blow up the houses of parliament in order to regain his people's favour. Moses' plot fails although Blaine is killed during the fight that ensues Shasa's discovery of the bomb and Moses' capture. Moses is imprisoned and sentenced to death but buys his life by giving the names and addresses of his black revolutionary colleagues. After this act of treachery, Moses is murdered by his own nephew, Raleigh Tabaka, Hendrick's son, who is a member of Poqo (the PAC's military wing).

A Time to Die (1989). This novel narrates the adventurous exploits of Sean II, Shasa's eldest son. He is the owner of a hunting concession in Zimbabwe, the Chizora. Riccardo Monterro, one of Sean II's customers, offers Sean II half a million dollars if he helps him shoot Tukatela, a legendary elephant, that has crossed the Zimbabwean border and penetrated war-torn, post-independence Moçambique, where Renamo guerrillas fight Frelimo government troops. Their stay in Moçambique is, in fact, nightmarish to say the least. Riccardo dies impaled on Tukatela's tusks and Claudia, Riccardo's daughter, is captured by Colonel China, a Renamo leader. China uses Claudia, whom Sean II has fallen in love with, to force Sean II to conduct two

different attacks on Frelimo troops. China, furthermore, is an old enemy of Sean II's. Originally from Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), China had helped Robert Mugabe to oust Ian Smith; as a former guerrilla, though, he discovered that he was feared and mistrusted by Mugabe and his men, so he decided to escape to Moçambique and join the Renamo forces there. In Moçambique, he expects to gain control of the government and use the army to invade Zimbabwe, defeat Mugabe and replace him. Sean II had actually confronted China during the war in Rhodesia, where Sean II was a member of Ian Smith's Ballantyne Scouts and inflicted a heavy defeat on China's guerrillas. Now Sean II is under China's control; yet, he manages to escape taking Claudia with him and, at the end of the novel, he kills China.

Golden Fox (1990). Although written after *A Time to Die*, this novel moves back in time to focus on Bella's, Shasa's daughter's, involvement with Ramon de Santiago y Machado, a Spanish *marqués* related to Fidel Castro and a member of the Russian KGB. Bella falls in love with Ramon in London, where Shasa is South African ambassador. When Shasa goes back to South Africa, where he is offered the job of head of Armscor (Armaments Development and Production Company, the entire defence industry of the country under single management), Ramon and Bella get married in secret and move to Ramon's house in Málaga, Spain, where Bella gives birth to their baby, Nicholas. In fact, Ramon has only married Bella to manipulate her into co-operating with him. Once in Spain, he kidnaps Nicholas and takes him to an ANC training base in Northern Angola. By pretending to be a prisoner himself and making Bella believe the KGB are going to kill him and Nicholas if she does not help, Ramon ensures Bella's total co-operation. As 'Red Rose', her code name, Bella acts as a KGB spy. In order to obtain information for the KGB, she starts working as Shasa's personal secretary and becomes a member of the South African Senate Advisory Board on African Affairs. With her help, the KGB obtain essential information to further the advance of what Smith calls the Red Terror Plot, an attempt to implement puppet Marxist governments in Africa in general and South Africa in particular that Russia can control. Eventually, Bella finds out about Ramon's real job and connections, and tells her family about Nicholas and the role she has played as a KGB spy. The Courtneys immediately organise Nicholas' rescue operation, which Garrick II

directs and Sean II actually conducts and executes; they rescue Nicholas and kill Ramon. Furthermore, they manage to prevent a terrorist attack orchestrated by the KGB that would have resulted in the death of hundreds of thousands of innocent South Africans and in which Ben Afrika (Tara and Moses' son) and Michael II (Shasa's homosexual son) are involved.

Birds of Prey (1997). This novel moves back in time to seventeenth-century England, which is at war with the Dutch. Sir Francis Courtney is a member of the Nautonnier Knights of the Order of St George and the Holy Grail. He is also an English privateer sailing towards Africa with his son, Hal, under a letter of marque from His Majesty's King Charles II, which entitles him to attack any Dutch ship and keep the booty, although he has to pass on a substantial part of the earnings to the crown. During one of his sea voyages, Sir Francis attacks a Dutch ship heading for the Cape Colony in southern Africa and which carries the governor of the colony, Petrus van de Velde, and his wife, Katinka, whom Sir Francis keeps as hostages. However, he is betrayed by a fellow mariner, Lord Cumbrae, who helps the Dutch capture Sir Francis and burns his letter of marque, so he cannot prove he was navigating under the King's commission. Sir Francis and Hal are put on trial for piracy in the Cape; Sir Francis is sentenced to death and Hal to hard labour. Eventually, Hal escapes with the help of Sukeena, a slave girl of Balinese and British blood, and Aboli, his black servant. Hal falls in love with Sukeena yet she dies murdered by a treacherous seaman, Sam Bowles. After Sukeena's death, Hal gets himself a ship and puts his fighting skills at the service of the Prester John, the Emperor of Ethiopia, whose country is being attacked by the Great Mogul. Hal helps a female Ethiopian general, Judith Nazet, defeat the Mogul and makes a name for himself among the Arabs, who fear him and call him 'El Tazar', the Barracuda. Eventually Hal also exacts his revenge on Lord Cumbrae for his betrayal and kills him; he also kills a Dutch colonel, Cornelius Schreuder, who had led Hal's chase when Hal escaped from the Cape. The novel ends with Hal and Judith, with whom Hal has fallen in love, sailing away into the sunset.

Monsoon (1999). Hal is now happily settled in England with his four sons, William (Black Billy), Tom, Guy and Dorian. When he is offered a barony and wealth if he helps the British capture Jangiri, an Arab pirate who terrorises British ships, he readily accepts and takes his three youngest sons with him (Tom, Guy and Dorian). Black Billy, Hal and Judith's son, who is essentially wicked but also the heir to Hal's fortune and properties, stays in England to take care of Hal's estate. Hal and his other sons sail away from England, taking the Beattys with them; Mr Beatty is the new auditor-general for the East India Company in Bombay and he and his family (his wife and his three daughters, Caroline, Sarah and Agnes) are supposed to travel with the Courtneys as far as the Cape Colony. During the voyage, Dorian is captured by Jangiri and sold to al-Malik, a brother of the caliph in Muscat in Oman and his direct successor. Al-Malik brings Dorian up as if he was his own son. Dorian falls in love with an Arab girl, Yasmini, and eventually becomes a warrior and helps al-Malik, his adopted father, to defend Oman from the Turk Ottoman empire. Guy falls in love with Caroline, who is, nonetheless, pregnant by Tom, and decides to abandon his family to work for the East India Company; once in Bombay, he marries Caroline. Later on in his life, he becomes the British consul in Zanzibar. Tom and his father, meanwhile, try to organise Dorian's rescue operation. Hal, however, is badly injured during the attack on Flor de la Mar, Jangiri's fortress. Tom manages to kill Jangiri and brings his father back to England, where he dies. He also brings with him Sir Francis' body, which they had retrieved from its burial place in Africa in order to bring it back to England. After Hal's death, Black Billy refuses to offer financial support to Tom, who is still intent on finding his youngest brother. Black Billy, in fact, tries to murder Tom, but Tom kills him instead. Although Tom kills Black Billy by accident, Tom is wanted by the authorities for murder, so he has to abandon England and decides to start a new life in Africa. Once in Africa, Tom tries to obtain help from his brother Guy to find Dorian. Guy, however, has never forgiven Tom for fathering Caroline's baby and refuses to help him. Tom is eventually falsely told that Dorian died when he was a child. Full of despair, he abandons Zanzibar with Sarah, Caroline's sister, with whom he has now fallen in love, and, together, they settle in eastern Africa, where Hal hunts elephants for their tusks and fights against Arab slavers. Eventually, Tom and Dorian are reunited. Dorian has to leave Oman when Zayn al-Din, al-Malik's eldest son and

Dorian's life-long enemy, becomes the caliph. Although he is still weak from a wound he received during the campaign against the Turks, he leaves in search of Tom, taking Yasmini with him. Although the two brothers meet, they each follow their separate paths with their respective women.

Main fictional characters in the Courtney saga in alphabetical order

Aaron Friedman: Israeli intellectual. Bella's lover. (*Golden Fox*)

Aboli: Sir Francis, Hal and Tom Courtney's faithful assistant. Originally from a warrior tribe on the eastern coast of Africa, the Amadoda. Twin brother of N'Pofho, the Monomatapa or tribal king. Separated from his brother when he was a baby. Captured by slavers. Rescued by Sir Francis. (*Birds of Prey, Monsoon*)

Abraham Abrahams: Centaine's lawyer. (*Power of the Sword*)

Acheson: British colonel during the Boer War. (*The Sound of Thunder*)

Ada Courtney: Wife of Waite Courtney. Step-mother of Sean Courtney I and Garrick Courtney I. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder*)

Adra Olivares: Ramon de Santiago y Machado's lover and assistant. (*Golden Fox*)

Agnes Beatty: Sister of Caroline and Sarah Beatty. (*Monsoon*)

Al-Malik: Brother of the Caliph in Oman. Dorian Courtney's adopted father. Fine warrior. Father of Zayn al-Din. (*Monsoon*)

Alfred Wilson: Nephew of Ned Tyler. Faithful seaman. Works for Hal and Tom Courtney. (*Monsoon*)

Alice: Wife of Black Billy. Mother of Francis Courtney Jr. (*Monsoon*)

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Alphonso Henriques Mabasa: Renamo Shangane. Helps Sean II escape General China. (*A Time to Die*)

Althuda: Slave in the Cape Colony. Rescued by Hal Courtney. Sukeena's brother. (*Birds of Prey*)

Amelia Sigela: Xhosa. Girlfriend of Raleigh Tabaka. Killed during the Sharpeville events. (*Rage*)

Andrew Killigerran: World War I English pilot. Friend of Michael Courtney I. Killed in action. (*The Burning Shore*)

Anna Courtney I: Garrick Courtney I's first wife. Hopelessly loved Sean I. Mother of Michael Courtney I. Dies in a fire she herself provokes. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder*)

Anna Courtney II: Centaine's nursemaid. Second wife of Garrick Courtney I. (*The Burning Shore, Power of the Sword*)

Annalisa Botha: Daughter of one of Centaine's foremen at the H'ani Mine. First lover of Shasa Courtney. (*Power of the Sword*)

Annetjie: Dutch prostitute. (*Monsoon*)

Archy: British exilee of dubious reputation. Sean I's worker and friend of Dirk Courtney. (*The Sound of Thunder*)

Audrey Pye (Strawberry Pie): One of Sean I's girlfriends. Sister of Ronny Pye. (*When the Lion Feeds*)

Batula: Arab horseman and warrior. Dorian Courtney's friend and assistant. (*Monsoon*)

Bella Courtney: Tara and Shasa Courtney's youngest daughter. Sister of Sean II, Michael II and Garrick II. Half-sister of Ben Afrika. Marries Ramon de Santiago y Machado and has a child, Nicholas de Santiago y Machado. Coerced to become KGB agent. Code

name 'Red Rose'. Gives away many secrets, responsible for failed KGB-operated act of most violent terrorism. (*Rage, Golden Fox*)

Ben Abram: Arab doctor. Friend of Dorian Courtney. (*Monsoon*)

Benjamin (Ben) Afrika: Son of Tara and Moses Gama. Adopted by Miriam Afrika. Half-brother of Sean II, Garrick II, Michael II and Bella. Brought up and educated in England. Attempts a mass poisoning by unconventional chemical weapon. Killed by Sean II. (*Rage, Golden Fox*)

Bertie: Small boy Dirk Courtney, when just a kid, tortures and humiliates. (*The Sound of Thunder*)

Big Daniel (Daniel Fisher): Sir Francis and Hal Courtney's ship's boatswain. Gives his life to save Hal Courtney. (*Birds of Prey, Monsoon*)

Black Billy (William Courtney): Cruel and wicked son of Hal Courtney and Judith Nazet. Half-brother of Tom, Guy and Dorian Courtney. Married to Alice. Father of Francis Courtney Jr. Killed by Tom Courtney. (*Monsoon*)

Blaine Malcomess: Husband of Isabella Malcomess. Father of Tara and Mathilda Janine. Lover of Centaine. After Isabella's death, he marries Centaine. British Administrator in Namibia. United Party minister. Killed by Moses Gama. (*Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Bobby Clarke: British officer during World War I. (*The Burning Shore*)

Candy Rautenbach: Duff's fiancée and Sean I's lover. Owner of eating house and of Candy's Hotel (a luxury hotel) in Johannesburg. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder*)

Captain Welles: Sea captain. Nautonnier Knight of the Order of St George and the Holy Grail. (*Birds of Prey*)

Caroline Beatty: Lover of Tom Courtney. Mother of Christopher Courtney. Sister of Sarah and Agnes Beatty. Marries Guy Courtney. (*Monsoon*)

Centaine de Thiry Courtney Malcomess: French aristocrat. Travelled through the Kalahari desert with two bushmen, H'ani and O'wa. Michael I's fiancée. Mother of Shasa Courtney. Lover of Lothar de la Rey and mother of Manfred de la Rey. Blaine Malcomess' second wife. Founder of the Courtney Mining and Finance Company. (*The Burning Shore, Power of the Sword, Rage, A Time to Die, Golden Fox*)

Clare West: Sean Courtney II's art teacher. Becomes Sean's lover. (*Rage*)

Claudia Monterro: Daughter of Riccardo Monterro. Lover of Sean II. Kidnapped by China, a Renamo guerrilla leader, as a means to coerce Sean II into co-operating with Renamos. (*A Time to Die*)

Cornelius Schreuder: Dutch colonel. Lover of Katinka van de Velde. Enemy of Hal Courtney. Kills Katinka when she rejects him. Loses his favour among the Dutch. Joins Lord Cumbrae. Killed by Hal Courtney. (*Birds of Prey*)

China: Half Shangane, half Shona. Former commissar in Robert Mugabe's Marxist ZANLA army fighting the Rhodesian army of Ian Smith. Turned Renamo guerrilla general fighting Frelimo troops in Moçambique. Kidnaps Claudia Monterro to force Sean II to help Renamos fight Frelimo troops. Killed by Sean II. (*A Time to Die*)

Christopher Courtney: Tom Courtney and Caroline Beatty's bastard son. Brought up by Guy Courtney and Caroline. (*Monsoon*)

Christopher Llewellyn: Sea captain. Nautonnier Knight of the Order of St George and the Holy Grail. Betrayed by Lord Cumbrae and Colonel Schreuder. Loses his ship. (*Birds of Prey*)

David Abrahams: Son of Abraham Abrahams. Marries Mathilda Janine, Tara's sister. (*Power of the Sword*)

Dennis Peterson: Sean I's old friend turned competitor. Marries Audrey Pye. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder, A Sparrow Falls*)

Derek Hunt: Womaniser. Supposedly rich socialite. Marries Storm Courtney for her father's money. Divorces Storm when her father disowns her. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

Dick Moss: One of Sir Francis and Hal Courtney's faithful seamen. Old pederast. (*Birds of Prey*)

Dicky Lancome: Car salesman. Mark Anders' employer. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

Dirk Courtney: Reckless son of Sean I and Katrina Leroux. Kills his own father, Sean I. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder, A Sparrow Falls*)

Dorian Courtney (Dorry): Hal Courtney and Elizabeth's son. Half brother of Black Billy, Tom and Guy. Captured by Jangiri. Sold to al-Malik, brother of Caliph in Oman. Brought up as al-Malik's own son. Educated as an Arab. Lover of Yasmini. Reunited with his half-brother Tom. (*Monsoon*)

Dr. Reynolds: Hal and Tom's ship's doctor. (*Monsoon*)

Duff Charleywood: Sean I's friend and business partner. Together they erect a mining empire in the Witwatersrand. Dies bitten by a rabid jackal. (*When the Lion Feeds*)

Edward Anderson: Sea captain. Works under Hal and Tom's command. (*Monsoon*)

Elizabeth: Third wife of Hal Courtney. Mother of Dorian. (*Monsoon*)

Elsa Pignatelli: Shasa's lover. One of the richest women in Europe. Owner of pharmaceutical and chemical industries. (*Golden Fox*)

Falla: From the Lozi tribe. One of Aboli's wives. (*Monsoon*)

Fasilides: Ethiopian bishop. Protects Iyasu, the Prester John. (*Birds of Prey*)

Ferdinand: Shangane. Renamo guerrilla soldier. (*A Time to Die*)

Fergus MacDonald: Friend of Mark Anders and husband of Helena MacDonald. Communist leader in Fordsburg. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

Francis Courtney Jr: Black Billy and Alice's son. (*Monsoon*)

Fred Black: Old friend of John Anders. Regarded as Mark Anders as an uncle. Husband of Hilda Black. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

Fundi: From the Lozi tribe in Eastern Africa. Elephant hunter. Used by Tom as a guide. (*Monsoon*)

Gamiet: Black servant at Weltevreden, one of the Courtneys' family homes. (*Golden Fox*)

Garrick Courtney I: Twin brother of Sean Courtney I. Courtney saga's ugly duckling. Invalid because of hunting accident involving Sean I. Army general and historian. Marries Anna I; stepfather of Michael Courtney I. Later marries Anna II, Centaine's nursemaid. Mistakenly killed by Manfred de la Rey. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder, A Sparrow Falls, The Burning Shore, Power of the Sword*)

Garrick Courtney II: Tara and Shasa's second son. Brother of Sean II, Michael II and Bella. Half-brother of Ben Afrika. Businessman. Head of Courtney enterprises. Marries Holly Carmichael. Directs Nicholas de Santiago y Machado's rescue operation. (*Rage, A Time to Die, Golden Fox*)

Guy Courtney: Hal Courtney and Margaret's son. Twin brother of Tom Courtney. Half-brother of Black Billy and Dorian. Works for the East India Company. Marries Caroline Beatty. Legal father of Christopher Courtney, Tom and Caroline's bastard son. Becomes consul of Zanzibar. (*Monsoon*)

H'ani: San woman. Saves Centaine and she and her husband, O'wa, take her across the Kalahari Desert. Killed by Lothar de la Rey. (*The Burning Shore*)

Hal (Henry) Courtney: Nautonnier Knight of the Order of St George and the Holy Grail. Son of Sir Francis Courtney. Father of Black Billy, Tom, Guy and Dorian. Land-owner, mariner, warrior and adventurer. Known as 'El Tazar' (the Barracuda). Badly-injured during attack on Arab fort, both legs amputated. Dies in England. (*Birds of Prey, Monsoon*)

Hannah: Old Dutch prostitute. Plans to use her son, Jan Oliphant, to capture Hal Courtney. (*Monsoon*)

Harriet Beuchamp: Bella's friend and entrance ticket to the inner circles of London society.
(*Golden Fox*)

Heidi Krammer: German intelligence officer. Wife of Manfred de la Rey and mother of Lothar de la Rey Jr. (*Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Helena MacDonald: Fergus MacDonald's wife. Communist leader in Fordsburg. First lover of Mark Anders. Killed by Mark Anders during communist upheaval and consequent military intervention in Fordsburg. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

Hendrick Tabaka (Swart Hendrick or Black Henry): Ovambo. Half-brother of Moses Gama. Friend of Lothar de la Rey. Helps Lothar commit diamond convoy robbery. Leads a successful life in Drake's Farm. Father of Raleigh and Wellington Tabaka.
(*The Burning Shore, Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Hilda Black: Mark Anders' aunt. Wife of Fred Black. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

Hlubi: One of Sean I's faithful black servants. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder*)

Hobday: Dirk Courtney's foreman and villainous killer and rapist. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

Holly Carmichael: Architect. Garrick II's wife. (*Rage, Golden Fox*)

Hubert (Huey) Langley: Tara's communist friend. (*Power of the Sword*)

Hugo Bernard: Cruel gaoler at the Cape Colony's garrison. Killed by Hal Courtney. (*Birds of Prey*)

Inyosi: Amadoda girl. Offered to Hal Courtney as sex object. (*Birds of Prey*)

Irene Leuchars: Rich socialite. Jealous friend of Storm. Seduces Mark Anders. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

Isaac Goldsberg: Jewish. Ruth's uncle. (*The Sound of Thunder*)

Isabella Malcomess: Blaine Malcomess' crippled wife. Mother of Tara and Mathilda Janine. Jealous of Centaine. (*Power of the Sword*)

Jakobus Stander: Illegitimate son of Sarah Stander and Lothar de la Rey. Half-brother of Lothar de la Rey Jr. Terrorist, arrested by his half-brother and hanged. (*Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Jan Oliphant: Son of Dutch prostitute, Hannah, and Xia Nka, a Hottentot chief. Killed by Tom Courtney. (*Monsoon*)

Jangiri (al-Auf, the Bad One): Arab pirate. Captures and sells Dorian to al-Malik. Killed by Tom Courtney. (*Monsoon*)

Jaub: Arab warrior. Friend of Dorian Courtney. (*Monsoon*)

Jean Paulus Leroux: Brother-in-law of Sean I. Brother of Katrina. Fights against Sean I during Boer War. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder*)

Jim Smiley: One of Sir Francis and Hal Courtney's seamen. (*Birds of Prey*)

Jiri: One of Sir Francis and Hal Courtney's black assistants. (*Birds of Prey*)

Job Bhekani: Matabele. Sean II's friend and business partner at his hunting concession. Injured by China's men. Dies when Sean tries to carry him to a hospital in South Africa. (*A Time to Die*)

Joe Cicero: Secretary general of the South African Communist Party. A colonel in the Russian KGB. Chief of staff of *Umkhonto we Sizwe*. Heads the Manchurian Candidate Plot, an attempt to assassinate Verwoerd. (*Rage, Golden Fox*)

John Anders Jr: Son of Mark Anders and Storm Courtney. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

John Anders: Grandfather of Mark Anders. Murdered by Dirk Courtney. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

John Lovell: One of Christopher Llewellyn's seamen. Joins Hal Courtney after Llewellyn's death. (*Birds of Prey*)

Joseph Dinizulu: Zulu. Brother of Victoria Dinizulu. Becomes a member of *Umkhonto we Sizwe*. (*Rage*)

Josia Nrubu: Rich witchdoctor. (*Golden Fox*)

Judith Nazet: Ethiopian army general. Hal Courtney's first wife. Mother of Black Billy. (*Birds of Prey*)

Kali Piet: Villainous Bondelswart Hottentot Garrick I and Anna II use as a guide to take them across the Kalahari when they are looking for Centaine. (*The Burning Shore*)

Kandhla: One of Sean I's black assistants. (*When the Lion Feeds*)

Karl Lochtkamper: Businessman. Ruined by Duff and Sean Courtney I. (*When the Lion Feeds*)

Kassa: One of Aboli's daughters. Killed by slavers. (*Monsoon*)

Katinka van de Velde: Dutch. Wife of Petrus van de Velde. Lover of Hal Courtney and Colonel Cornelius Schreuder, among others. Vicious sexual pervert and lesbian. Killed by one of her rejected lovers, Colonel Schreuder. (*Birds of Prey*)

Katrina Leroux: Boer trekker. Sister of Jean Paulus Leroux. First wife of Sean I. Mother of Dirk Courtney. Commits suicide. (*When the Lion Feeds*)

Kimatti: One of Sir Francis and Hal's black assistants. (*Birds of Prey*)

Kitty Godolphin: NABS television reporter. Conducts the program 'Africa in Focus'. One of Shasa Courtney's lovers. (*Rage, Golden Fox*)

Klein Boy (Little Boy): Bastard son of a Herero woman. One of Lothar de la Rey's men. (*The Burning Shore*)

Kleinhans: Former Dutch governor of the Cape Colony. Replaced by Petrus van de Velde after his retirement. (*Birds of Prey*)

Klonkie: Nanny's son. Shasa Courtney's servant. (*Golden Fox*)

Kurt: German captain. (*The Burning Shore*)

Kush: Arab castrati and warden of the zenana, place where Arab wives are kept with their children. Tortures Yasmini. Killed by Dorian. (*Monsoon*)

Kuzawa: Famous *sangoma*. Wife of Henry Tabaka. Mother of Raleigh and Wellington Tabaka. (*Rage*)

Lady Edwina: Wife of Sir Francis Courtney. Mother of Hal Courtney. (*Birds of Prey*)

Lana Liner: Sean II's safari customer. (*Rage*)

Lord Cumbrae ('the Buzzard'): Nautonnier Knight of the Order of St George and the Holy Grail. Treacherous mariner, slaver and privateer. Responsible for Sir Francis' execution. Killed by Hal. (*Birds of Prey*)

Lothar de la Rey Jr: Son of Heidi and Manfred de la Rey. Half-brother of Jakobus Stander. Police and intelligence officer. Takes part in the Sharpeville massacre. Arrests his half brother Jakobus Stander after terrorist bombing. Has a brief love affair with Bella Courtney. (*Power of the Sword, Rage*).

Lothar de la Rey: Afrikaner outlaw. Centaine de Thiry's lover. Father of Manfred de la Rey. Warrior, adventurer, gunrunner. Saves Centaine from being attacked by a lion. Imprisoned after diamond convoy robbery; released after fifteen years in jail. (*The Burning Shore, Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Louis de Thiry: French aristocrat. Father of Centaine. Killed during World War I. (*The Burning Shore*)

Luke Jervis: Sea captain. Had sailed under Hal Courtney's command. Follows Tom Courtney to Africa. (*Monsoon*)

Manfred de la Rey: Centaine and Lothar de la Rey's son. Half-brother of Shasa. 1936 Olympics boxing champion. Member of the *Ossewa Brandwag*. Trained for the assassination of Jan Smuts, kills Garrick Courtney I instead. Lover of Sarah Stander and father of Jakobus Stander. Marries Heidi Krammer. Father of Lothar de la Rey Jr. National Party minister. (*Burning Shore, Power of the Sword, Rage, A Time to Die, Golden Fox*)

Marcus Archer: Psychologist. Homosexual. Lover of Moses Gama. Marxist and member of the British Communist Party and the South African Communist Party. Works for the Chamber of Mines in South Africa. (*Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Margaret: Second wife of Hal Courtney. Mother of Tom and Guy Courtney. (*Monsoon*)

Marion Littlejohn: First wife of Mark Anders. Librarian. She dies devoured by a lioness in Chaka's Gate. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

Marjorie Weston: Lover of Shasa and Sean II. (*Rage*)

Mark Anders: Sean I's personal assistant. World War I soldier. Appointed warden of Chaka's Gate, a natural preserve. Marries Marion Littlejohn; after Marion's death, he marries Storm Courtney. (*A Sparrow Falls, Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Mary (1): Ada's servant. Ugly maid. Dirk Courtney abuses her sexually. (*The Sound of Thunder*)

Mary (2): Hal Courtney's servant at High Weald, England. (*Monsoon*)

Mary Black: Mark Anders' cousin. Daughter of Fred and Hilda Black. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

Matatu: Ndorobo. Sean II's faithful servant and tracker. (*Rage, A Time to Die, Golden Fox*)

Matesi: One of Sir Francis and Hal Courtney's black assistants. (*Birds of Prey*)

Mathilda Janine Malcomess: Sister of Tara. Daughter of Blaine and Isabella Malcomess. (*Power of the Sword*)

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Max: Norman Hradsky's assistant. (*When the Lion Feeds*)

Mbejane: Nephew of Cetewayo. Sean I's friend and servant. Father of Sangane. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder, A Sparrow Falls*)

Mickey: Miriam's little brother. Helped by Sean II to leave Moçambique. (*A Time to Die*)

Michael Courtney I: Son of Anna I and Sean I. World War I pilot. Lover and fiancé of Centaine de Thiry. Father of Shasa Courtney. Dies on his wedding day. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder, A Sparrow Falls, The Burning Shore*)

Michael Courtney II: Tara and Shasa's youngest son. Brother of Sean II, Garrick II and Bella. Half brother of Ben Afrika. Left-wing journalist and homosexual. Author of 'Rage' series of articles. Witness of Sharpeville massacre. Involved in KGB activity. Attempted a mass poisoning by unconventional chemical weapon. Killed by his brother Sean II. (*Rage, Golden Fox*)

Minnie: Miriam's little sister. Helped by Sean II to leave Moçambique. (*A Time to Die*)

Miriam Afrika: Ben Afrika's adopted mother. (*Rage*)

Miriam: Shangane girl. Most of her family killed by Renamo guerrillas and Frelimo troops. Helped by Sean II to leave Moçambique. (*A Time to Die*)

Molly Broadhurst: Anti-apartheid political activist. Friend of Tara. Holds illegal meetings in her house, Puck's Hill. (*Rage*)

Monomatapa N'Popho: Aboli's twin brother and Amadoda tribal king. (*Birds of Prey*)

Moses Gama: Ovambo. Black leader. Half-brother of Henry Tabaka. Tara Malcomess' lover. Father of Ben Afrika. Victoria Dinizulu's husband. Tries to destroy South African parliament building. Kills Blaine Malcomess. After being sentenced to death, bargains to betray most black leaders in Africa. Killed by his nephew, Raleigh Tabaka. (*Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Mr Beatty: Auditor-general for the East India Company. Father of Caroline, Sarah and Agnes Beatty. (*Monsoon*)

Mrs Beatty: Wife of Mr Beatty. Mother of Caroline, Sarah and Agnes Beatty. (*Monsoon*)

Nanny: Cape Coloured. Bella's nursemaid. (*Golden Fox*)

Ned Tyler: Sir Francis and Hal's ship's master gunner. (*Birds of Prey, Monsoon*)

Nelson Litalongi: Black lover of Michael Courtney II. (*Golden Fox*)

Nicholas Childs: Chairman of the East India Company. (*Monsoon*)

Nicholas de Santiago y Machado: Son of Bella Courtney and Ramon de Santiago y Machado. Kidnapped by his father and rescued by his uncle Sean II. (*Golden Fox*)

Norman Hradsky: Gold tycoon. Owner of The South African Mining and Lands Company. (*When the Lion Feeds*)

Oliver: Sir Francis Courtney's manservant. Killed by Hugo Bernard. (*Birds of Prey*)

O'wa: San man. Saves Centaine and takes her with him and his wife, H'ani, across the Kalahari Desert. Commits suicide when H'ani is killed by Lothar de la Rey. (*The Burning Shore*)

Oliver Kendrick: Famous South African artist. Pervert homosexual. Consents to have his sexual encounters with Michael Courtney II recorded on video. (*Golden Fox*)

Oswald Hyde: Chancellor of King William III. (*Monsoon*)

Paul Hale: One of Sir Francis and Hal's faithful seamen. Dick Moss's shipwife. (*Birds of Prey*)

Peterson: British major during the Boer War. (*The Sound of Thunder*)

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Petrus van de Velde: Dutch governor of the Cape Colony. Ordered Sir Francis Courtney's execution. (*Birds of Prey*)

Pungushe: Mark Anders' Zulu friend and servant. (*A Sparrow Falls*)

Rachid: Arab pirate. Responsible for Dorian's capture. Killed by Hal Courtney. (*Monsoon*)

Raleigh Tabaka: Son of Hendrick Tabaka. Moses Gama's nephew. Black leader. Member of Poqo and *Umkhonto we Sizwe*. Kills Moses Gama. (*Rage, Golden Fox*)

Ramon de Santiago y Machado: Spanish *marqués*. Lost everything after Civil War in Spain. Top Soviet agent. KGB general in charge of Africa. Highly professional assassin. Code name, 'Golden Fox'. Marries Bella Courtney. Father of Nicholas de Santiago y Machado. Kidnaps his son. Dies of poisoning during unsuccessful act of terrorism. (*Golden Fox*)

Riccardo Monterro: Father of Claudia Monterro. American tycoon. Customer of Sean II at his hunting concession. Afflicted by cancer. Killed hunting Tukutela, a mythical elephant. (*A Time to Die*)

Richard Lister: Sea captain. Nautonnier Knight of the Order of St George and the Holy Grail. (*Birds of Prey*)

Robert Moone: One of Christopher Llewellyn's seamen. Joins Hal Courtney after Llewellyn's death. (*Birds of Prey*)

Roelf Stander: University professor. Member of the *Ossewa Brandwag*. Friend of Manfred de la Rey. Marries Sarah Stander and adopts her illegitimate son, Jakobus. (*Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Ronny Pie: Brother of Audrey. Sean I's old friend turned competitor. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder, A Sparrow Falls*)

Rufus: Friend of Sean II. Small-time criminal. (*Rage*)

Ruth Friedman (née Goldberg): Jewish descent. Saul's wife. Marries Sean I after Saul's death. Mother of Storm Courtney. Killed by Dirk Courtney. (*The Sound of Thunder, A Sparrow Falls*)

Sabah: Balinese. Helps Hal Courtney to conduct escape operation from the Cape garrison. (*Birds of Prey*)

Sam Bowles: Treacherous mariner. Kills Sukeena. (*Birds of Prey*)

Sangane: Mbejane's son. Friend of Michael Courtney I. Sean I's driver and assistant. (*The Burning Shore, Rage*)

Sarah Beatty: Tom Courtney's wife. Sister of Caroline and Agnes Beatty. (*Monsoon*)

Sarah Stander: Lover of Manfred de la Rey and mother of his son, Jakobus Stander. Married to Roelf Stander. Police informer of the 'White Sword' case. Commits suicide after her son is arrested and hanged. (*Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Saul Friedman: A friend of Sean I. Husband of Ruth Goldberg. Killed in action during the Boer War. Never knows of Sean I and Ruth's affair. Thinks Storm is his own daughter. (*The Sound of Thunder*)

Sean Courtney I: Twin brother of Garrick Courtney I. Adventurer, warrior, gold prospector, ivory hunter, tree grower, South African Party minister. Marries Katrina Leroux, who bears him a son, Dirk Courtney. After Katrina's death, he marries Ruth Friedman, who bears him a daughter, Storm. Rejected Anna I, who bore his child, Michael Courtney I. Killed by Dirk Courtney. (*When the Lion Feeds, The Sound of Thunder, A Sparrow Falls, The Burning Shore*)

Sean Courtney II: Tara and Shasa's eldest son. Brother of Michael II, Garrick II and Bella. Half-brother of Ben Afrika. Reckless as an adolescent. Involved in robberies. Penchant for violence. Veteran guerrilla fighter in Rhodesia. Member of the Ballantyne Scouts. Adventurer. Owner of hunting concession in Zimbabwe. Falls in love with Claudia Monterro. Rescues his nephew, Nicholas de Santiago y Machado, from KGB camp. Kills his brother, Michael II, and his half-brother, Ben Afrika. (*Rage, A Time to Die, Golden Fox*)

Shadrach: Matabele. One of Sean II's friends and assistants at his hunting concession. Tracker. Crippled, leg amputated, after attack by a lioness. (*A Time to Die*)

Shasa Courtney: Michael Courtney I and Centaine's son. Half-brother of Manfred de la Rey. Marries Tara Malcomess. Father of Sean II, Michael II, Garrick II and Bella. World War II pilot. Director of Courtney Mining and Finance Company. Member of parliament, minister, South African ambassador in Britain. (*Burning Shore, Power of the Sword, Rage, Golden Fox*)

Sir Francis Courtney: Nautonnier Knight of the Order of St George and the Holy Grail. Mariner and adventurer. Father of Hal. Married to Lady Edwina. Sentenced to death in the Cape Colony, falsely accused of piracy. (*Birds of Prey*)

Sister Nunziata: White nun. Killed and cannibalised by African mob in Port Elizabeth during Defiance Campaign. (*Rage*)

Slow John (Stadige Jan): The Cape Colony's executioner. Puts Sir Francis Courtney to death. Becomes Katinka's lover. Killed by Colonel Cornelius Schreuder. (*Birds of Prey*)

Storm Courtney: Daughter of Sean I and Ruth. Marries Derek Hunt. After her divorce, she marries Mark Anders. Mother of John Anders Jr. (*The Sound of Thunder, A Sparrow Falls, The Burning Shore, Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Sukeena: Slave in the Cape Colony. Balinese and English origin. Lover of Hal Courtney. Killed by Sam Bowles. (*Birds of Prey*)

Tahi: Dorian's Arab nursemaid. (*Monsoon*)

Takawira Dos Alves: Renamo general. Commander of Renamo's northern division. (*A Time to Die*)

Tara Malcomess: Blaine and Isabella Malcomess' daughter. Married to Shasa Courtney. Lover of Moses Gama. Mother of Sean II, Michael II, Garrick II, Bella and Ben Afrika. Communist sympathiser. After her involvement in Moses Gama's attempt to destroy

houses of parliament in South Africa, escapes to London where she has a hostel.
(*Power of the Sword, Rage*)

The Prester John (Iyasu): Young boy. Emperor of Ethiopia. (*Birds of Prey*)

Tippoo Tip: Renamo General. Commander of Renamo's southern division. (*A Time to Die*)

Tom Courtney: Hal Courtney and Margaret's son. Twin brother of Guy Courtney. Half-brother of Black Billy and Dorian. Nautonnier Knight of the Order of St George and the Holy Grail. Adventurer, mariner and warrior. Kills Black Billy by accident. Kills pirate Jangiri. Has bastard son, Christopher, by Caroline Beatty. Marries Sarah Beatty.
(*Monsoon*)

Tromp Bierman: Afrikaner priest. Uncle of Manfred de la Rey. (*Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Trudi Bierman: Tromp Bierman's wife. Manfred de la Rey's aunt. (*Power of the Sword, Rage*)

Tula: One of Aboli's sons. (*Monsoon*)

Twentyman-Jones: Centaine's mine prospector. (*Power of the Sword*)

Van der Stel: Dutch governor of the Cape Colony after Petrus van de Velde. (*Monsoon*)

Vark Jan (Pig John): Khoisian. One of Lothar's men. (*The Burning Shore*)

Victoria Dinizulu (Vicky): Zulu. Descendant of Mbejane. Marries Moses Gama. Turns cruel and a sexual pervert after Moses' death. Known as the 'Black Evita'. (*Rage, Golden Fox*)

Vuil Lippe (Dirty Lips): Bondelswart Hottentot. One of Lothar de la Rey's men. (*The Burning Shore*)

Waite Courtney: Father of Sean Courtney I and Garrick Courtney I. Killed in action during the Zulu War. (*When the Lion Feeds*)

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Walsh: Tom, Guy and Dorian Courtney's tutor. (*Monsoon*)

Wellington Tabaka: Son of Hendrick Tabaka. Brother of Raleigh Tabaka. Becomes a priest.
(*Rage*)

William Grey: His Majesty's consul to the Sultanate of Zanzibar. Killed by Hal Courtney.
Replaced by Guy Courtney. (*Birds of Prey, Monsoon*)

William Rogers (Billy): One of Sir Francis and Hal's faithful seamen. (*Birds of Prey*)

William Stanley: One of Christopher Llewellyn's seamen. Joins Hal Courtney after
Llewellyn's death. (*Birds of Prey*)

Xia Nka: Hottentot chief. Father of Jan Oliphant. (*Monsoon*)

Yasmini: Arab girl. Lover of Dorian Courtney. (*Monsoon*)

Zama: One of Aboli's sons. (*Monsoon*)

Zayn al-Din: Eldest son of al-Malik. Dorian's enemy. (*Monsoon*)

Zelda: Katinka's nursemaid. Her death ordered by Katinka. (*Birds of Prey*)

Zete: From the Lozi tribe. One of Aboli's wives. (*Monsoon*)

Zwaantie: Balinese. Althuda's wife. (*Birds of Prey*)

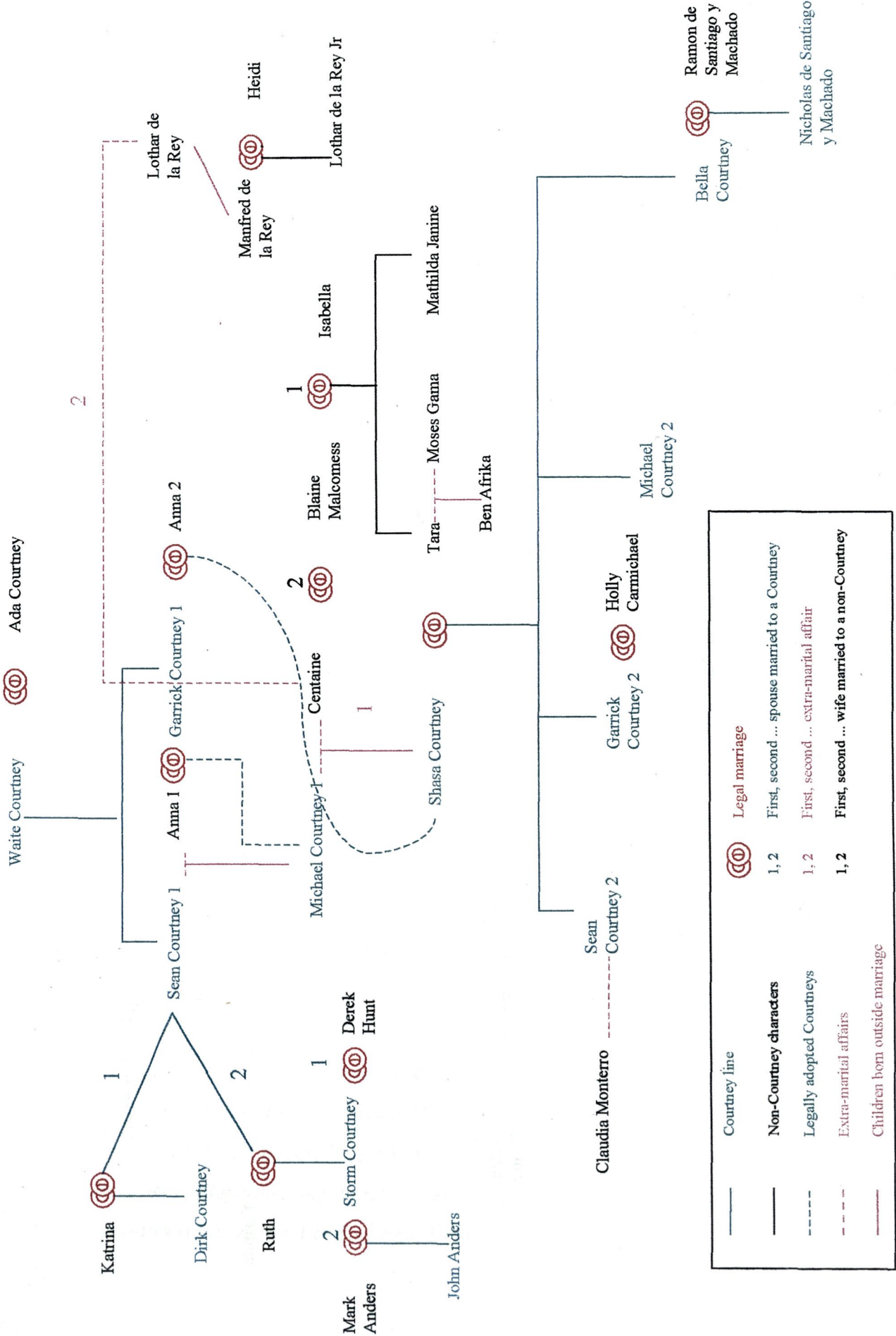


Figure 20. Courtney line from the nineteenth century to the 1980s

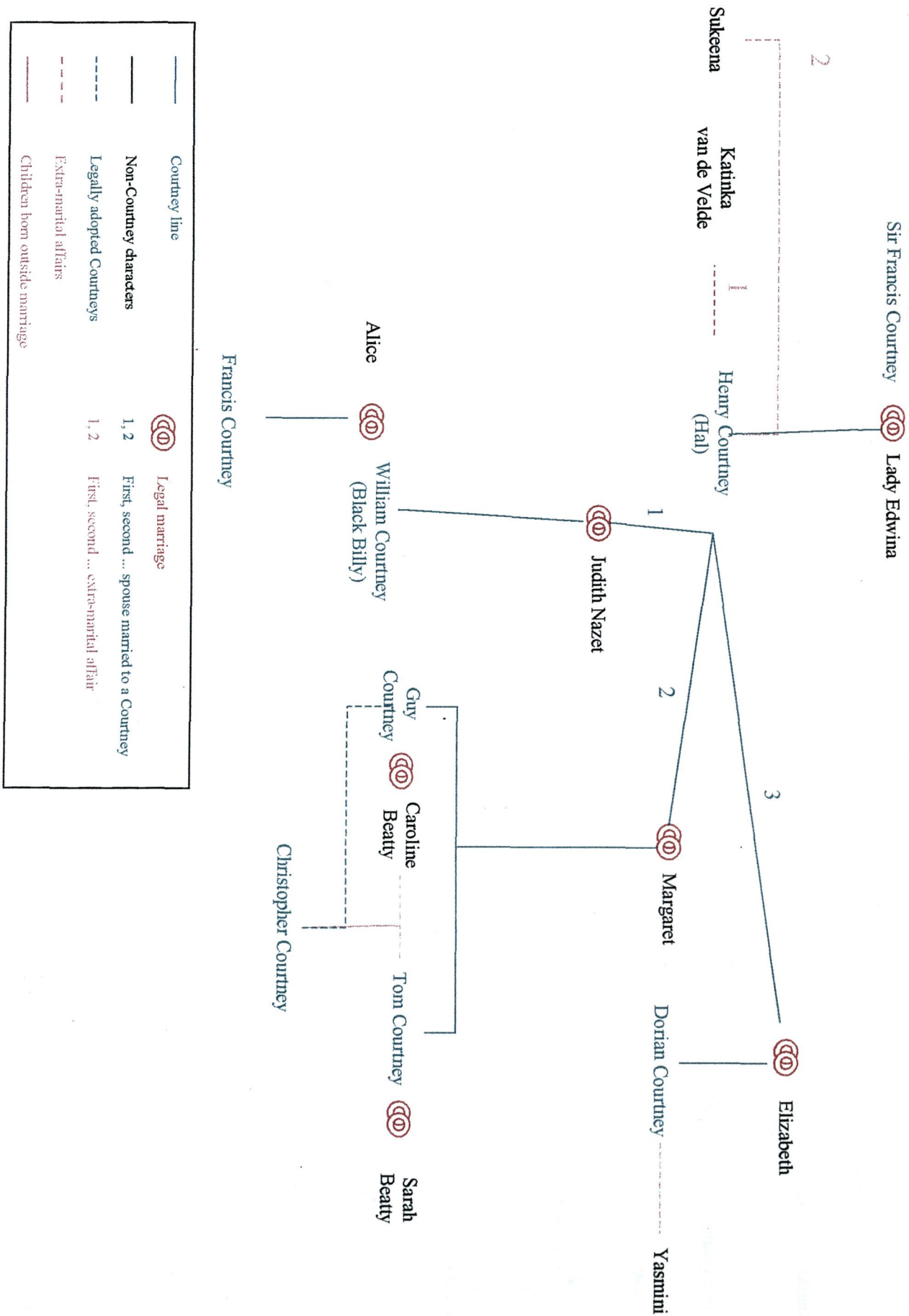


Figure 21. Seventeenth-century Courtney line

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