

Based on the Man Booker Prize-nominated novel



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The Secret River

What is it about this place that could change a man so?



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THE SECRET RIVER is an epic tragedy in which a good man is compelled by desperation, fear, ambition and love for his family to participate in a crime of inhuman savagery.

Through the deeply personal story of early convict colonists William and Sal Thornhill, THE SECRET RIVER dramatises the British colonisation of Australia in microcosm and raises the question of when two worlds collide, who is wrong and who is right?

The dispossession of Indigenous Australians is made comprehensible and ultimately heart-breaking, as Thornhill's claim over a piece of land by a beautiful river brings his family and neighbours into a fight for survival with its traditional custodians.

Thornhill is driven by a poverty-fuelled life and a desperate need to provide a safe home for his beloved family in a strange, foreboding land. Through compelling storytelling and stunning cinematography, THE SECRET RIVER provides a personal insight into the hidden heart of Australia's foundation story.

THE SECRET RIVER is a landmark television mini-series based on Kate Grenville's meticulously researched, Man Booker Prize-nominated bestselling novel of the same name, from two of Australia's most talented and internationally successful screenwriters Jan Sardi (Oscar® nominated for *Shine*) and Mac Gudgeon.

Starring Oliver Jackson-Cohen (*Mr Selfridge*, *Raven*, *Dracula*) and Sarah Snook (*Predestination*, *Sisters of War* and the forthcoming *Ghosts*, *The Dressmaker* and *Steve Jobs*, from acclaimed director Danny Boyle).



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THE SECRET RIVER

LACHY HULME TIM MINCHIN TREVOR JAMIESON

Screenplay by JAN SARDI and MAC GUDGEON Based on the novel THE SECRET RIVER by KATE GRENVILLE

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