

## **Best Kept Secret The Clifton Chronicles Series Book 3**

Jeffrey Archer, one of the greatest popular novelists of our generation, delivers a truly page-turning thriller in *False Impression*. When an aristocratic old lady is brutally murdered in her country home the night before 9/11, it takes all the resources of the FBI and Interpol to work out the connection between her and the possible motive for her death – a priceless Van Gogh painting. It's a young woman, who was in the North Tower when the first plane crashed into the building, who has the courage and determination to take on both sides of the law and avenge the old lady's death. Anna Petrescu is missing, presumed dead, after 9/11 and she uses her new status to escape from America, only to be pursued across the world from Toronto to London, to Hong Kong, Tokyo and Bucharest, but it is only when she returns to New York that the mystery unfolds. Why are so many people willing to risk their own lives and others' to own the Van Gogh *Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear*?

From Jeffrey Archer, the bestselling author of the Clifton Chronicles and *Kane and Abel*, comes his captivating sixth collection of short stories, *And Hereby Hangs a Tale*, full of magnificent characters and shocking plot twists. In 'High Heels' discover what happens in a loss adjuster's memorable first case where

his wife has to explain why a pair of designer shows couldn't have gone up in flames. While on the streets of Delhi in 'Caste-Off' a man and woman fall in love while waiting for a traffic light to turn green. And in 'A Good Eye' a priceless Renaissance oil painting remains in the same family for generations until its current owner is face with a difficult choice . . . Jeffrey demonstrates his natural aptitude for short stories which are stylish, witty and entertaining. His mastery of characterization and suspense, combined with a gift for the unexpected, jaw-dropping plot twist, show him at the height of his powers and demonstrate why he is one of world's bestselling authors.

Cat O' Nine Tales is the fifth collection of irresistible short stories from the master storyteller Jeffrey Archer, illustrated by the internationally acclaimed artist, Ronald Searle, creator of Molesworth. These twelve yarns are satisfying and ingeniously plotted, featuring richly drawn characters and Jeffrey Archer's trademark deliciously unexpected conclusions. They feature the mad, the bad and the dangerous to know, as well as more poignant and telling characters. As a collection they confirm his position as a master storyteller.

Its a book that will break the common mis-conception, that Stock Investing is gambling.Leverage on great companies, churning more and more profits every year

Suspenseful and mesmerizing, *This Was a Man* is the seventh and final novel in international bestseller Jeffrey Archer's *the Clifton Chronicles* moves towards its epic and poignant conclusion. Harry Clifton is set to write his magnum opus, and as he reflects on his days, the lives of his family continue to unfold, unravel and intertwine in ways no one could have imagined. Harry's wife Emma completes her ten years as Chairman of the Bristol Royal Infirmary when she receives a surprise call from Margaret Thatcher. In Whitehall, Giles Barrington discovers the truth about his wife, but is she a pawn in a larger game? Sebastian Clifton finds himself in a new role after an unexpected resignation and his talented daughter, Jessica, goes to art school but gets into trouble. Can her aunt help? Lady Virginia is about to flee the country to avoid her creditors when the death of a duchess gives her another opportunity to clear her debts and finally trump the two families. The epic saga that has charted the lives, loves and adventures of the Clifton and Barrington families reaches its stunning conclusion in this, the final heart-stopping volume from the master storyteller, Jeffrey Archer.

*Turn a Blind Eye* is the third instalment in the gripping story of Detective Inspector William Warwick, by the master storyteller and Sunday Times number one bestselling author of the *Clifton Chronicles*. William Warwick, now a Detective Inspector, is tasked with a dangerous new line of work, to go

undercover and expose crime of another kind: corruption at the heart of the Metropolitan Police Force. His team is focused on following Detective Jerry Summers, a young officer whose lifestyle appears to exceed his income. But as a personal relationship develops with a member of William's team, it threatens to compromise the whole investigation. Meanwhile, a notorious drug baron goes on trial, with the prosecution case led by William's father and sister. And William's wife Beth, now a mother to twins, renews an old acquaintance who appears to have turned over a new leaf, or has she? As the undercover officers start to draw the threads together, William realizes that the corruption may go deeper still, and more of his colleagues than he first thought might be willing to turn a blind eye.

'Peerless master of the page-turner' Daily Mail

International number one bestselling author Jeffrey Archer is a master of the short story form, creating classic tales beloved by his fans and hitting the top of the bestseller lists. This illustrated edition is a collection of his best-loved, previously published stories. In *The Short, The Long and The Tall* the master storyteller joins forces with renowned illustrator Paul Cox, to re-imagine twenty of Jeffrey Archer's most popular and feted short stories alongside beautifully rendered watercolour illustrations. Find out what happens to the hapless young detective from Naples who travels to an Italian hillside town to solve a murder

and ends up falling in love; and the pretentious schoolboy whose discovery of the origins of his father's wealth changes his life forever. Revel in the stories of the woman who dares to challenge the men at her Ivy League university during the 1930s, and another young woman who thumbs a lift and has an encounter she will never forget. Discover the haunting story about four men whose characters are tested to the point of death. Finally, a short parable about how pointless war is, and how decent people are caught up in the crossfire of their leaders' ambitions. This will be a must-buy for dedicated fans of both the author and illustrator's work.

United in their rivalry, *Sons of Fortune* is the classic tale of two brothers engaged in a power struggle from international bestselling author, Jeffrey Archer. In the late 1940s in Hartford, Connecticut a set of twins is parted at birth. Nat Cartwright goes home with his parents, a schoolteacher and an insurance salesman. But his twin brother is to begin his days as Fletcher Andrew Davenport, the only son of a multi-millionaire and his society wife. During the years that follow, the two brothers grow up unaware of each other's existence. Nat leaves college at the University of Connecticut to serve in Vietnam. He returns a war hero, he finishes school and becomes a successful banker. Fletcher, meanwhile, has graduated from Yale University and distinguishes himself as a criminal defence lawyer

before he is elected to the Senate. Even when Nat and Fletcher fall in love with the same girl they still don't meet. They continue on their separate paths until one has to defend the other for a murder he did not commit. But the final confrontation comes when Nat and Fletcher are selected to stand against each other for governor of the state.

Captivating and suspenseful, *Best Kept Secret* is the third novel in international bestseller Jeffrey Archer's outstanding *Clifton Chronicles*. It sees our hero Harry Clifton and Giles Barrington, brother of Harry's beloved wife Emma, become entwined in the fate of the Barrington family fortune. It is 1945 and the House of Lords' vote on who should inherit the Barrington estate ends in a tie, casting a long shadow on the lives of those involved. Author Harry begins to promote his novel, whilst Emma, after her father's mysterious death, searches for the girl found abandoned in his office on the night he died. Politician Giles defends his seat in the House of Commons and finds not only his future but his family's fortune at stake. Ultimately his fate is dictated by Harry's son Sebastian, even as Sebastian himself becomes embroiled in an international art fraud. As they move out of the shadows of war, a new generation of Cliftons and Barringtons comes to the fore, and a thrilling new episode of Jeffrey Archer's captivating family saga begins.

### Best Kept Secret Pan Macmillan

Author of the bestselling Clifton Chronicles, Jeffrey Archer, gives us fifteen gripping and rewarding short stories for readers to return to time and again. Find out what happens to the hapless young detective from Naples who travels to an Italian hillside town to solve a murder and the pretentious schoolboy whose discovery of the origins of his father's wealth changes his life forever. Follow the stories of the woman who dares to challenge the men at her Ivy League university during the 1930s, and another young woman who thumbs a lift and has an encounter of a lifetime. From the master of the short story, the refreshingly original stories in Tell Tale prove why Archer has been described by the Mail on Sunday as 'probably the greatest storyteller of our age'.

With a twisting plot of false accusation and revenge, A Prisoner of Birth is an exhilarating novel from bestselling author, Jeffrey Archer. If Danny Cartwright had proposed to Beth Wilson the day before, or the day after, he would not have been arrested and charged with the murder of his best friend. And when the four prosecution witnesses are a barrister, a popular actor, an aristocrat and the youngest partner in an established firm's history, who is going to believe his side of the story. Danny is sentenced to twenty-two years and is sent to Belmarsh prison, the highest security jail in the land, from where no inmate has ever

escaped. But everyone has underestimated Danny's determination to seek revenge and Beth's relentless quest to win justice . . .

As the Crow Flies is an epic rags to riches tale from Jeffrey Archer, author of the bestselling The Clifton Chronicles. If your dream is big enough, not even your enemies can stop you . . . Charlie Trumper's earliest memory is of hearing his grandfather's sales patter from behind his costermonger's barrow. When Grandpa Charlie dies, young Charlie wants nothing more than to follow in his footsteps – his burning ambition is to own a shop that will sell everything: 'The Biggest Barrow in the World'. Charlie's progress from the teeming streets of Whitechapel to the elegance of Chelsea Terrace is only a few miles as the crow flies. But in Jeffrey Archer's expert hands it becomes an epic journey through the triumphs and disasters of the century, as Charlie follows a thread of love, ambition and revenge to fulfil the dream his grandfather inspired.

The fifth book in the internationally bestselling Clifton Chronicles from master storyteller Jeffrey Archer "The conclusion's a turbo-charged cliffhanger" Kirkus Reviews Mightier than the Sword opens with an IRA bomb exploding during the MV Buckingham's maiden voyage across the Atlantic - but how many passengers lose their lives? When Harry Clifton visits his publisher in New York, he learns that he has been elected as the new president of English PEN, and immediately

launches a campaign for the release of a fellow author, Anatoly Babakov, who's imprisoned in Siberia. Babakov's crime? Writing a book called Uncle Joe, a devastating insight into what it was like to work for Stalin. So determined is Harry to see Babakov released and the book published, that he puts his own life in danger. His wife Emma, chairman of Barrington Shipping, is facing the repercussions of the IRA attack on the Buckingham. Some board members feel she should resign, and Lady Virginia Fenwick will stop at nothing to cause Emma's downfall. Sir Giles Barrington is now a minister of the Crown, and looks set for even higher office, until an official trip to Berlin does not end as a diplomatic success. Once again, Giles's political career is thrown off balance by none other than his old adversary, Major Alex Fisher, who once again stands against him at the election. But who wins this time? In London, Harry and Emma's son, Sebastian, is quickly making a name for himself at Farthing's Bank in London, and has proposed to the beautiful young American, Samantha. But the despicable Adrian Sloane, a man interested only in his own advancement and the ruin of Sebastian, will stop at nothing to remove his rival. Jeffrey Archer's compelling Clifton Chronicles continue in this, his most accomplished novel to date. With all the trademark twists and turns that have made him one of the world's most popular authors, the spellbinding story of the Clifton and the

Barrington families continues. THE CLIFTON CHRONICLES SERIES BOOK 1: Only Time Will Tell BOOK 2: The Sins of the Father BOOK 3: Best Kept Secret BOOK 4: Be Careful What You Wish For BOOK 5: Mightier Than The Sword BOOK 6: Cometh The Hour

Who would pay a billion dollars to humiliate America? The time, 1993. The place, Washington DC. Of the adversaries in the Gulf War, the sole survivor is Saddam Hussein. And Saddam is planning a revenge so diabolical that the United States will be left with no choice but to retaliate . . . Honour Among Thieves has a wickedly paced political plot, full of all the twists and turns you can expect from bestselling author, Jeffrey Archer.

A young student hitch-hiking home from college meets an old man with an incredible story to tell. Taken from his collection Tell Tale, A Wasted Hour is an ingenious and witty short story sure to delight Jeffrey Archer's many fans and proves why the Mail on Sunday has said that he is 'probably the greatest storyteller of our age'. If you loved this story be sure to look out for The Year of Short Stories, a collection of digital short stories which celebrate the talent of this incredible bestselling author, including The Endgame and The Man Who Robbed His Own Post Office.

Heads You Win is the incredible and thrilling novel by the master storyteller and

bestselling author of the Clifton Chronicles and Kane and Abel, Jeffrey Archer. Leningrad, Russia, 1968. From an early age it is clear that Alexander Karpenko is destined to lead his countrymen. But when his father is assassinated by the KGB for defying the state, Alexander and his mother will have to escape Russia if they hope to survive. At the docks, they have an irreversible choice: board a container ship bound for America or one bound for Great Britain. Alexander leaves the choice to a toss of a coin . . . In a single moment, a double twist decides Alexander's future. During an epic tale, spanning two continents and thirty years, we follow Alexander through triumph and defeat as he sets out on parallel lives, as Alex in New York and Sasha in London. As this unique story unfolds, both come to realize that to find their destiny they must face the past they left behind as Alexander in Russia. With a final twist that will shock even his most ardent fans, this is international number one bestseller Jeffrey Archer's most ambitious and creative work since Kane and Abel.

An unputdownable story of murder, revenge and betrayal from international number one bestseller Jeffrey Archer.

Now appearing for the first time together, three of Sidney Sheldon's number one bestselling novels—The Other Side of Midnight, Rage of Angels, and Bloodline—are featured in this celebratory collection. The Other Side of Midnight is Sidney Sheldon at his best. This page-turner is full of tortured romantic entanglements, reverses of fortune, thrilling suspense, and ultimate justice. In Paris, Washington, and a fabulous

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villa in Greece, an innocent American becomes a bewildered, horror-stricken pawn in a game of vengeance and betrayal. She is Catherine Douglas, a woman caught in a web of four lives intertwined by passion as her handsome husband pursues an incredibly beautiful film star . . . and as Constantin Demeris, a legendary Greek tycoon, tightens the strands that control them all. *Rage of Angels* features the memorable, mesmerizing heroine Jennifer Parker, a razor-sharp but beautiful attorney on her way up the New York political ladder until the Mafia's schemes win her the hatred of an implacable enemy—and a love more destructive than hate. She journeys into the dangerous, dramatic, and dark world of organized crime and flashbulb-lit courtrooms, where ambitious and ruthless prosecutors begin their climb to power, and she travels to her own personal hell and back again. *Bloodline* is one of the best of Sheldon's blockbuster thrillers. *Roffe and Sons* is a family firm, an international empire filled with desperate, cash-hungry family members. At its head was one of the wealthiest men in the world—a man who has just died in a mysterious accident and left his daughter, Elizabeth, in control of the company. Now as this intelligent, tough, and gorgeous woman dares to save—not sell—*Roffe and Sons*, she will have to outwit those who secretly want her power . . . and the unknown assassin who wants her life. *Bloodline* is a sweeping novel of high financial intrigue on three continents, love, murder, danger, and suspense. Newly promoted, Detective Sergeant William Warwick has been reassigned to the drugs squad. His first case: to investigate a notorious south London drug lord known as

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the Viper. But as William and his team close the net around a criminal network unlike any they have ever encountered, he is also faced with an old enemy, Miles Faulkner. It will take all of William's cunning to devise a means to bring both men to justice, a trap neither will expect, one that is hidden in plain sight . . . Filled with Jeffrey Archer's trademark twists and turns, Hidden in Plain Sight is the gripping next instalment in the life of William Warwick. It follows on from Nothing Ventured, but can be read as a standalone story.

In the third instalment in the life of Detective William Warwick, following on from Hidden in Plain Sight, international bestseller Jeffrey Archer once again displays his mastery at the art of storytelling. Detective Inspector William Warwick is tasked with a dangerous new line of work, to go undercover and expose corruption at the heart of the Metropolitan Police Force. His team focuses on Detective Sergeant Jerry Summers, a young officer living an extravagant lifestyle. But Summers develops a personal relationship with a WPC on William's team and the investigation hangs in the balance. As his undercover officers draw the threads together, William realizes that the corruption may go far higher than his initial assessment, and that more of his colleagues than he thought possible might be willing to turn a blind eye . . . 'If there was a Nobel Prize for storytelling, Archer would win' - Daily Telegraph

The world's most powerful newspaper barons – which of them will triumph? At first glance, Richard Armstrong and Keith Townsend seemed to have little in common. One

was the son of an illiterate peasant, who emerged from the most backward corner of a Europe ravaged by a bitter war. The other was raised in a mansion on the far side of the world while the war was just another piece of news. One was a hustler, a thief, ready to change even his identity, if it would gain him a momentary advantage. The other was the scion of a well-known family, groomed for a public role, a rebel who didn't care if anyone approved of what he got up to. One craved wealth, recognition, status. The other quickly discovered that real power comes from anonymity. But they did have one thing in common. Both of them were gamblers. Both were prepared to risk everything in their battle to control the biggest newspaper empire in the world. From bestselling author Jeffrey Archer, *The Fourth Estate* is a tale of corruption, risk and two men who are willing to destroy each other to gain power.

This is the mesmerizing story of John Yogacara Asanga. A direct descendant of the eponymous saint Asanga, John is yet to realize his destiny. For now, he is just a young man grappling with his part-Indianness in an American world. Through the pages of this book, we accompany John on his journey from the safety of Kokomo, Indiana, the city he called home, through the world of drugs and prostitution in Chicago and his days in prison in America to an ashram in India where he meets Aanya, the love of his life, to finally discovering his destiny as an Asanga. Replete with mystical, magical details, this novel deals with transcendent themes that relate to our very existence. This is a gripping tale that traverses the length and breadth of the world-From Indiana to India to

the centre of the earth and back. Yoga, a Love Story takes you on an enthralling journey which will open to you the secrets of yoga, the universe and of love and life. It will take readers on the path of self-discovery, searching for a deeper understanding of life and the universal spirit that resides in all of us

Jeffrey Archer continues his beloved Clifton Chronicle series as Harry and Emma finally begin building a happy life--but a dangerous family enemy is about to resurface. "Best Kept Secret" opens a moment after the end of "The Sins of the Father," with the resolution of the trial and the triumphant marriage of Harry Clifton and Elizabeth Barrington.

An imprisoned man is certain that his supposed murder victim is very much alive . . . A female driver is pursued relentlessly by a menacing figure in another vehicle . . . A young artist gets the biggest break of her career . . . A restless beauty manages the perfect birthday celebration . . . An escaped Iraqi on Saddam Hussein's death list pays an involuntary visit to his homeland . . . How will they react? How would you? Twelve Red Herrings is the third collection of irresistible short stories from master storyteller, Jeffrey Archer. Cleverly styled, with richly drawn characters and ingeniously plotted story lines, each of the twelve tales ends with a delightfully unexpected turn of events.

“Archer has a real gift for family sagas, and here, with Warwick, he’s launching

what promises to be a series just as riveting as the Clifton Chronicles.” —Booklist

**THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA** William Warwick has always wanted to be a detective and decides that, rather than become a lawyer like his influential father, he will join London’s Metropolitan Police Force. And so, after university, William embarks on a career that will define his life: from his early months on the beat to his first high-stakes case as a fledgling detective in Scotland Yard’s arts and antiquities squad.

**THE END OF AN OLD REGIME** Investigating the theft of a priceless Rembrandt painting, William meets Beth Rainsford, a research assistant at the gallery with whom he falls hopelessly in love. But Beth has a secret—one that threatens to tear her and William apart. Meanwhile, as he follows the trail of the missing masterpiece, William comes up against an art collector and his influential lawyer, a man who knows everyone and sfears no one—and will use whatever means necessary to keep William off his client’s trail. . . “Archer is a master entertainer.” —Time

The tale of Harry Clifton's life begins in 1919, in Bristol. His father was a war hero, but it will be 21 tumultuous years before Harry discovers the truth about how his father really died and if, in fact, he even was his father. When he goes to school, he meets Giles Barrington, soon to become his best friend, and Giles's sister, Emma. From that moment, the two families will be forever entwined.

Taking a cast of memorable characters from the ravages of the Great War through to the end of the Second World War, family loyalties are stretched to their limits as secrets unravel, and the story moves from the backstreets of Bristol to the boardrooms of Manhattan. In Jeffrey Archer's masterful hands, you will be taken on a journey that you won't want to end, filled with gasp-making twists and turns. Discover the spellbinding family saga that has enthralled readers across the world and sold over five million copies.

The lives of three women who transformed history are brought vividly to life in this unforgettable novel. On the death of Henry the fifth, a nine-month-old baby is made King of England. Ambitious men surround the baby king, including his two uncles, the Dukes of Bedford and Gloucester. Shrewd and clever, Bedford seeks to uphold all his late brother had won and preserve it for young Henry the sixth. Gloucester, a man of poor judgment, greedy for wealth and power, has other ideas. In Lancastrian England and war-torn France, there are three women whose lives are to have a marked effect on the future. Katherine de Valois, haunted by an unhappy childhood, finds love in an unexpected quarter and founds the Tudor dynasty; Joan of Arc leaves her village pastures on the command of heavenly voices; and Eleanor of Gloucester is drawn into a murder plot and becomes the centre of a cause célèbre. Murder, greed and ambition

flourish alongside sacrifice, dedication and courage. These are turbulent times as the defeated become the victorious...

Ambitious and addictive, *Only Time Will Tell* is the first novel in international bestseller Jeffrey Archer's the Clifton Chronicles begins the epic tale of Harry Clifton, a working-class boy from the docks of Bristol. It is 1920, and against the backdrop of a world ravaged by conflict, Harry's story begins with the words 'I was told that my father was killed in the war'. Harry's existence is defined by the death of his father and he seems destined to a life on the docks until a remarkable gift wins him a scholarship to an exclusive boys school and entry into a world he could never have envisaged. Over the course of twenty years, as the Second World War and the fight against Hitler draws nearer, Harry will learn the awful truth about his father's death and of his own connections to a powerful shipping family, the Barringtons. And in doing so, he will change his destiny forever . . . Richly imagined and populated with remarkable characters, the Clifton Chronicles will take you on a powerful journey, bringing to life one hundred years of family history in a story neither you, nor Harry, could ever have dreamt of.

New York, 1939. Tom Bradshaw is arrested for first degree murder. He stands accused of killing his brother. When Sefton Jelks, a top Manhattan lawyer, offers

his services for nothing, penniless Tom has little choice but to accept his assurance of a lighter sentence. After Tom is tried, found guilty and sentenced, Jelks disappears, and the only way for him to prove his innocence would be to reveal his true identity – something that he has sworn never to do in order to protect the woman he loves. Meanwhile, the young woman in question travels to New York, leaving their son behind in England, having decided she'll do whatever it takes to find the man she was to marry – unwilling to believe that he died at sea. The only proof she has is a letter. A letter that has remained unopened on a mantelpiece in Bristol for over a year. Jeffrey Archer continues the saga of The Clifton Chronicles with this epic second novel in the series, *The Sins of the Father*. Family loyalties are stretched to their limits as secrets unravel, and the story moves from the backstreets of Bristol to the boardrooms of Manhattan. #1 New York Times and international bestselling author Jeffrey Archer's Clifton Chronicles series has taken the world by storm, with 2.5 million copies in print in English. This multi-generational, multi-volume saga of fate, fortune, and redemption follows the Clifton and Barrington families on a breathtaking journey from 1920 all the way through the present. Here together for the first time in an eBook bundle are the first four Clifton Chronicles novels: *Only Time Will Tell* The first book in the Clifton Chronicles begins in 1920 with the words, "I was told that

my father was killed in the war," launching the story of Harry Clifton, the hero of Archer's epic tale, and taking him as far as the beginning of WWII. The Sins of the Father On the run from a terrible family secret, Harry Clifton joins the Merchant Navy on the eve of WWII and must escape both the consequences of assuming another soldier's identity and the horrors of war. Best Kept Secret Now that Harry and the love of his life are free to marry, the powerful Clifton Chronicles moves into the 1950s and the boyhood of Harry's son Sebastian. Be Careful What You Wish For As the popular Clifton Chronicles advances to the 1960s, Harry's nemesis Don Pedro Martinez will stop at nothing to get his revenge on Harry on his family.

The expected never happens . . . A man calls unexpectedly on his mistress and sees another man leaving her flat. Accusing her of being unfaithful, he quarrels with her, strikes her. She dies. Leaving unseen, he tips off the police so that the other man is arrested and charged . . . Has he achieved 'The Perfect Murder'? A tantalizing opening to A Twist in the Tale, a fantastic collection of short stories from bestselling author Jeffrey Archer. Consider also: a wine-tasting with a bizarre difference, a game of sex with a sexy stranger, a violent row in a golf clubhouse bar, a rivalry founded on eating cornflakes . . . just some of the openings in this cunningly constructed, fast-moving, entertaining set of stories

from the bestselling author.

The New Collected Short Stories brings together three of Jeffrey Archer's classic collections of short stories: *To Cut a Long Story Short*, *Cat O' Nine Tales* and *And Thereby Hangs a Tale*, showcasing the master storyteller's skill like never before. Every reader will have their own favourites: the choices run from love at first sight across the train tracks to the cleverest of confidence tricks, from the quirks of the legal profession – and those who are able to manipulate both sides of the Bar – to the creative financial talents of a member of Her Majesty's diplomatic service – but for a good cause. In 'Caste-Off', Jamwal and Nisha fall in love while waiting for a traffic light to turn green in Delhi, and in 'Don't Drink The Water', a company chairman tries to poison his wife while on a trip to St Petersburg – with unexpected consequences . . . The stories held in these pages are irresistible: ingeniously plotted, with richly drawn characters and deliciously unexpected conclusions.

Thrilling and absorbing, *Cometh the Hour* is the sixth novel in international bestseller Jeffrey Archer's *the Clifton Chronicles* sees the Clifton and Barrington families navigate the 1970s in this epic tale of tragedy and hope. There are devastating consequences for Harry and Emma Clifton, her brother Giles Barrington and their arch enemy Lady Virginia when a suicide note is read out in court. Having fallen in love, Giles must decide if he should withdraw from politics to try and rescue the woman he loves from behind the Iron Curtain. Lady Virginia faces bankruptcy, and can see no way out of her financial problems, until she is introduced to a rich, hapless American. Harry and Emma's son Sebastian Clifton, now the Chief Executive of Farthings Bank, falls in love with the wrong girl even as his rivals plot to overthrow him. Meanwhile, his father remains determined to free a fellow author from a gulag in Siberia,

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following the international success of the book they wrote together, the acclaimed Uncle Joe.

But then something astonishing happens that none of them could have anticipated . . . The penultimate book in the Clifton Chronicles once again showcases Jeffrey Archer's extraordinary storytelling abilities and confirms his reputation for breathtaking twists.

Be Careful What You Wish For, the fourth instalment in Jeffrey Archer's The Clifton Chronicles, opens with Harry Clifton and his wife Emma rushing to hospital to learn the fate of their son Sebastian, who has been involved in a fatal car accident. But who died, Sebastian or his best friend Bruno? When Ross Buchanan is forced to resign as chairman of the Barrington Shipping Company, Emma Clifton wants to replace him. But Don Pedro Martinez intends to install his puppet, the egregious Major Alex Fisher, in order to destroy the Barrington family firm just as the company plans to build its new luxury liner, the MV Buckingham. Back in London, Harry and Emma's adopted daughter wins a scholarship to the Slade Academy of Art where she falls in love with a fellow student, Clive Bingham, who asks her to marry him. Both families are delighted until Priscilla Bingham, Jessica's future mother-in-law, has a visit from an old friend, Lady Virginia Fenwick, who drops her particular brand of poison into the wedding chalice. Then, without warning, Cedric Hardcastle, a bluff Yorkshireman who no one has come across before, takes his place on the board of Barringtons. This causes an upheaval that none of them could have anticipated, and will change the lives of every member of the Clifton and Barrington families. Hardcastle's first decision is who to support to become the next chairman of the board: Emma Clifton or Major Alex Fisher? And with that decision, the story takes yet another twist that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Four members of Britain's Parliament vie over a thirty-year period for success, power, and the

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