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A *New York Times*-bestselling novel of the lives, loves, and foibles of five generations of a British family occupying a manor house in Wales.

For nearly one hundred and fifty years the Quin family has lived at China Court, their magnificent estate in the Welsh countryside. The land, gardens, and breathtaking home have been maintained, cherished, and ultimately passed along—from Eustace and Adza in the early nineteenth century to village-girl-turned-lady-of-the-manor Ripsie Quin, her children, and her granddaughter, Tracy, in the twentieth.

Brilliantly intermingling the past and the present, *China Court* is a sweeping family saga that weaves back and forth through time. The story begins at the end, in 1960, with the death of the indomitable Ripsie, whose dream of a life at the grand estate was realized through her marriage to the steadfast Quin brother who loved her—though he wasn't the one she had always loved.

With thrilling literary leaps across the decades, the story of a British dynasty is told in enthralling detail. It is a chronicle of wives and husbands; of mothers, sons, and daughters; of those who could never stray far from the lush grounds of China Court and the outcasts and outsiders who would never truly belong.

Bearing comparison to *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez, Rumer Godden's novel relates the history of a family with sensitivity, wit, compassion, and a compelling touch of magical realism. A family's loves, pains, triumphs, and scandals are laid bare, forming an intricate tapestry of heart-wrenching humanity, in a

remarkable work of fiction from one of the most acclaimed British novelists of the twentieth century.

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