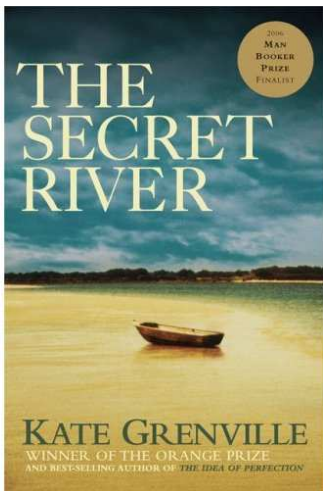


The Secret River by Kate Grenville



Following a childhood marked by poverty and petty crime, William Thornhill is sentenced in 1806 to be transported to New South Wales, together with his wife and children. The harsh land feels like a death sentence – but there is a possibility of starting afresh, in unclaimed land up the Hawkesbury River.

The Australian Bush provides the backdrop to a story about ownership, belonging and identity.