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A Family Saga 1815–1875

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John Knight's hand has been forced and Jack Tucker has been banished from Simonsbath to work on a lonely moorland farm on account of his love for Lady Katherine Darcy. But the affair prevails, aided and abetted by friends including Frederic Knight. However, Frederic's stepbrother, Kenton, despises the very word Tucker and sets out to destroy the man. When Knight retires, Frederic releases Jack from his servitude and appoints him as manager on one of his Exmoor farms. But by then, he too has fallen under the spell of Katherine Darcy.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born in 1941, **Paddy King-Fretts** grew up high on Exmoor in a tougher and more difficult age, roaming the wild countryside alone on his pony and falling in love with the mystery and romance of the moors. And it was here that he first heard the countless dramatic tales of the Knights, of those who worked for them and their achievements. After more than forty years as a soldier and traveller he has come home to North Devon where he writes.

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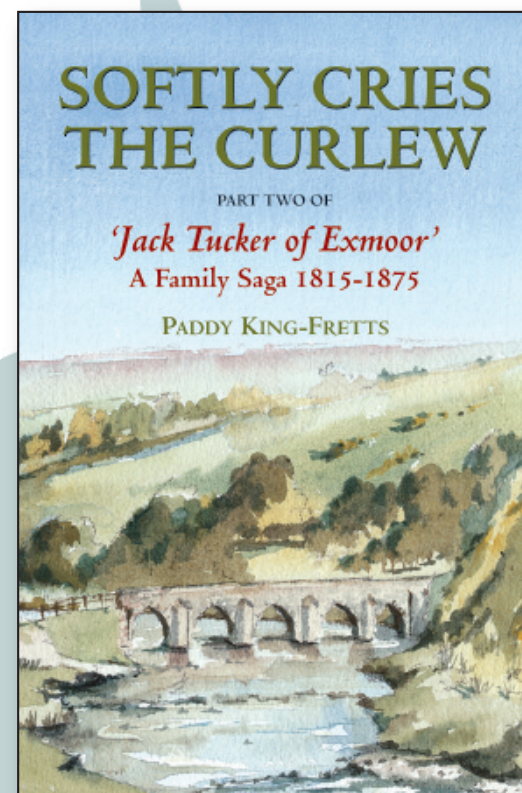
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