



Bring Up The Bodies

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Fourth Estate, New Delhi, 2012. Soft cover. Book Condition: New. The sequel to the Man Booker-winning *Wolf Hall*. "My boy Thomas, give him a dirty look and he'll gouge your eye out. Trip him, and he'll cut off your leg," says Walter Cromwell in the year 1500. "But if you don't cut across him he's a very gentleman. And he'll stand anyone a drink." By 1535 Thomas Cromwell, the blacksmith's son, is far from his humble origins. Chief Minister to Henry VIII, his fortunes have risen with those of Anne Boleyn, Henry's second wife, for whose sake Henry has broken with Rome and created his own church. But Henry's actions have forced England into dangerous isolation, and Anne has failed to do what she promised: bear a son to secure the Tudor line. When Henry visits Wolf Hall, Cromwell watches as Henry falls in love with the silent, plain Jane Seymour. The minister sees what is at stake: not just the king's pleasure, but the safety of the nation. As he eases a way through the sexual politics of the court, its miasma of gossip, he must negotiate a "truth" that will satisfy Henry and secure his own career. But...



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