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True stories: tracking down unknown heirs.

A homeless person bequeaths £100,000—but to whom? An heir in Australia turns down a huge inheritance because he doesn't want it to change his life, and a nun inherits a brothel—life writes the best stories. Some are tragic, like the tale of two sisters who were separated as children and never reunited, even though they lived only a few streets away. The tumult of history and the twists of personal fate are intertwined again when there is money to inherit but no obvious heirs. The Family Research Office tracks down these heirs across the whole world. This book is an account of the stories, coincidences and curiosities they come across in the course of their work.

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