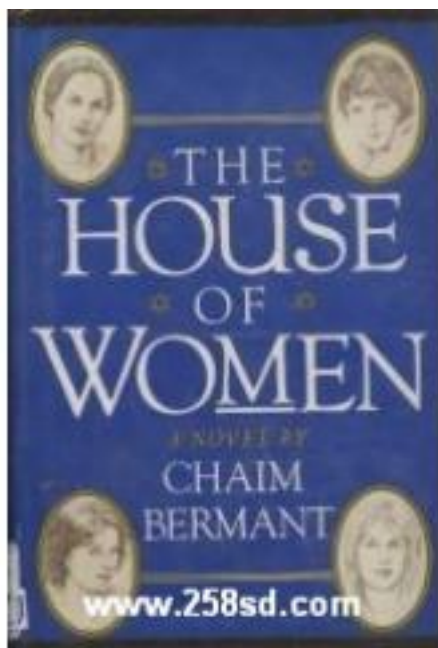


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Father wanted a small family¼ but he also wanted an heir¼
and he had four daughters and two wives before he
eventually had a son.
He was not¼ he said¼ adverse to daughters as such¼ but
his grandfather had had four sons¼ his father two and he
felt obliged to have at least one - a replacement ¼ as he
called him - to keep his branch of the family going¼
especially as other branches had faded out of their own
accord. His family name was Courlander. Two of his
uncles had changed their name to Lander¼ and a third to
Lance~ ¼ which was perhaps just as well¼ for apparently
none of them had brought particular credit to the family¼
and in any case two of them had died without issue.
Father's own brother Willie was a bachelor¼ and therefore
the full burden of perpetuating

the line fell on him¼ and he
approached it with a gravity which he did not display in
other walks of life and which must have borne heavily on
poor mummy.
Father had a younger sister called Stevie¼ and in 1931 or
>1932¼ when she was eighteen¼ she was sent to Berlin to
perfect her German and there became friendly with Thea¼
a banker s daughter. Thea later came to England to study¼
spent three years at Cambridge and stayed frequently
with my grandparents. She was tall and slender¼ with
great¼ soulful eyes¼ and a severe¼ rather manly hairstyle.
All her photographs show her to be a rather handsome
young woman. None show her smiling¼ and I could never
understand the basis of her relationship with Stevie¼ who
was large and ~enial¼ even if she rarely had anythin~ to be

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