

H.E. Bates

A Little of What You Fancy

Read by **Philip Franks**

In the final book of the series that began with *The Darling Buds of May*, the fun-loving Pop Larkin finds himself confined to bed following a mild heart attack – caused by a little too much of what he fancied. Ma battles with the doctors as she attempts to find the adequate cure, but it turns out that a seductive nurse is all he needs. Pa's spirits truly recover themselves when he is forced to defend his home from the ministry's railway plans. This concludes the tales of H.E. Bates's Larkin family – a winsome gallery of characters who live as many of us would like to live 'if only we had the guts and nerve to flout the conventions'.



Philip Franks performed alongside Catherine Zeta-Jones and David Jason in the television series *The Darling Buds of May*. His extensive theatre credits encompass a range of roles, as he has worked variously with the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Old Vic Theatre, and the Whitehall Theatre. He is regularly heard on BBC Radio in such programmes as *Poetry Please*, *With Great Pleasure* and *Words and Music*.

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