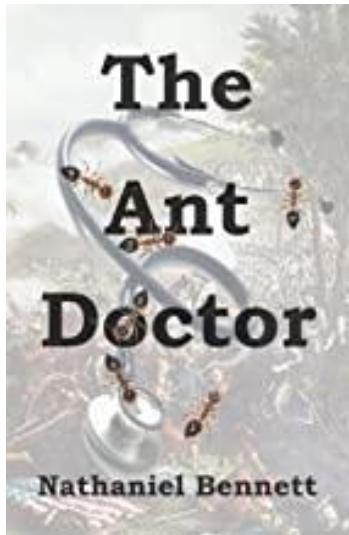


The Ant Doctor



By Nathaniel Bennett

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At first glance, the title of the book might suggest a story about an entomologist, a person studying ants and other insects. That is not the case, although upon reading the story one will discover that there is a doctor and there are ants.

This is a story of a family set against the backdrop of the American Civil War. Jonathan Hagen is a son of the old slave-owning South, but an individual who has different, perhaps radical opinions regarding many of the practices of the time. While he could stay and control his family's plantation, he sets out on a different path. The story relates his tale as well as the tales of many of his family and friends, tying all together at the end.

This is a book one will read in a minimum number of sittings, as it is nearly impossible to put down.



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