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"*Downton Abbey* set a new standard, and it's probable that in 20 or 50 years critics will look back and say that this was period drama at its very best, often imitated but never bettered." —*The Daily Mail*

Since the moment we first entered Downton Abbey in 1912, we have been swept away by Julian Fellowes's evocative world of romance, intrigue, drama and tradition. Now, in 1925, as Downton Abbey prepares to close its doors for the final time, Jessica Fellowes leads us through the house and estate, reliving the iconic moments of the wonderfully aristocratic Crawley family and their servants as they navigate the emerging modern age.

Travelling from Great Hall to servants' hall, bedroom to boot room, we glimpse as we go Matthew and Isobel Crawley arriving for the first time, the death of Kemal Pamuk, Cora's tragic miscarriage, Edith's affair with Michael Gregson, Mary's new haircut, Thomas and O'Brien's scheming, Anna and Bates's troubles with the law, and Carson's marriage to Mrs Hughes.

Alongside are in-depth interviews with the cast, who have worked on the show for six years and know it so well, as well as a complete episode guide for the first five seasons and a teaser for the sixth. Packed full of stunning location shots and stills from all six seasons of the show including exclusive behind-the-scenes photography, this celebratory book is the ultimate gift for *Downton Abbey* fans the world over.

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Mrs. M. says

Aivan loistava päätös tälle kirjavuodelle! Ihana, ihana kirja, joka ehdottomasti päättyy suosikkihyllyyne. Teos sisältää mielettömän upeita kuvia ja juuri sopivasti taustatietoa sarjan tapahtumista ja hahmoista. Hyvänä lisänä tarjotaan myös historiallista faktatietoa Downton Abbey -sarjan aikakaudesta ja kerrotaan hieman laajemminkin esim. kuvauspaikkojen taustoista ja historiasta. Kirjan lopusta löytyy muistin virkistämiseksi jakso-opas kaikista kuudesta tuotantokaudesta. Upea kirja, yksi vuoden parhaista!

Kelly says

As a huge fan of Downton Abbey, this was the perfect Christmas gift for me. It's taken me a while to get through, but only because I was treasuring each page. This book is full of information about the characters, quotes from the actors, historical information about the period and show, but most importantly, it was full of gorgeous photography. I felt quite emotional at times, Downton really was my favourite show and I'm going to miss it immensely. At least my DVD's and books will keep the Downton spirit alive forever!

Julia says

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Carol says

Very good

As we prepare for the last episode of Downton Abbey this companion book is a nostalgic trip down memory lane. Visually and verbally Jessica Fellows reminds us why the series is so popular. We are taken on a tour of the estate and are treated to interviews and insights to the cast. It may cover material we are familiar with but is still a nice behind the scenes look at the family, servants and home that has become part of our Sunday night viewing these past 6 seasons. Be warned Downton Abbey: A Celebration includes teasers of scenes that have yet to be aired in the US.

Sallee says

This big beautiful book is a must have for a Downton Abbey fan. Beautiful pictures and information on all six seasons of this marvelous television series. Everything you forgot and everything you want to remember is right here in this publication.

Liz says

Loved reading this book! It was a great reminder of a well written series with wonderful characters. I may have to watch the DVDs again as this companion book pointed out things I missed the first time around.

Kimberly Ann says

I know I said that I absolutely did not want to read this, but my friend brought it home for me.

All I can say is it was a 100% improvement: It dealt with all the major characters, their rooms, the town, the living & gathering areas...

I would have liked to have seen much more of the costumes, but this was a lovely book.

Wendell Barnes says

What a joy to visit the last six seasons all over again in print! A keepsake of the greatest TV series ever aired.

Laurel says

The final season of the wildly popular television series 'Downton Abbey' is drawing near. To prep yourself for the further drama of the Crawley family and their servants, fellow Downtonites can revisit the fabulous plots, locations and characters by reading the final companion volume to the series, 'Downton Abbey – A Celebration', by Jessica Fellowes. This is her fourth large and lavish book spotlighting the phenomenally popular, award winning television series. And, it truly lives up to its title—a jubilant fête worthy of her uncle Julian Fellowes' vision of portraying the changes in the British aristocracy through the Crawley family and their servants from the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 to the Jazz Age of 1925.

The cover boasts “Companion to All Six Seasons” which could be a bane or boon to the reader depending on if they abhor spoilers or not. They are a middlin’ amount. Much less than you would find in a Google search on the subject or happen across on Twitter—and no information on the finale episode which will air in the UK on Christmas day and in the US in March, 2106. Notwithstanding the distractions, we are cleverly guided through Downton Abbey – A Celebration by visiting the rooms of the abbey arranged by sections and chapters. Beginning upstairs through the Great Hall, drawing room, dining room, library and family bedrooms to “Behind the Green Baize Curtain” downstairs to the Servants Hall, the kitchen and servants attic where they sleep. This physical approach of touring the rooms seems very fitting; each described and placed in historical and social context while we revisit key scenes played out there with the characters. Who could forget the Dowager Countess Grantham asking “What is a weekend?” in the dining room during season one, Matthew Crawley proposing to Lady Mary on the steps of the entrance in season two or when Anna is arrested in the Servants Hall and taken to jail in season five? Each, a riveting moment in the drama that bonds us to the characters and the home in which they live.

Moving outside of the great manor house the book also encompasses the entire Downton estate including the grounds, farm, cottages, Dower House and the village to “Beyond the Boundaries” to London, Yorkshire and Scotland—covering many (if not all) locations visited by the Crawley family and their friends during the series. Filled with hundreds of full-color photographs, several cast interviews, pertinent quotes from the screenplay and an introduction by the Great Man himself, Julian Fellowes, readers will find the helpful episode guide an invaluable aid to refresh their memories on the who, what, when and where, and help them win at Downton Abbey Trivial Pursuit when it is created. And, you know it will be.

Ms. Fellowes’ writing is fluid and engaging. With so many facts to convey, nonfiction writing can be a challenge. You can feel her passion for the subject with the detail and energy that she brings to the text.

“On rare occasions, others have been lent the rooms for their own privacy, too. Fortunately, only Mrs. Hughes knows there’s a grating in the wall that means any conversation in here can be eavesdropped on – something that she found came in handy when Vera Bates arrived to threaten her husband. Mrs. Hughes offered the room for them to talk in – and through the grating she heard Vera tell Bates she will go to the papers with the story about the Turk* dying in Lady Mary’s bed, and that Anna will feature in the story as the woman who helped to move the corpse.” (128) in the section on Mrs. Hughes’s Sitting Room

*The Turk mentioned in this quote is Kemal Pamuk, a handsome Turkish diplomat who expired in Lady Mary Crawley’s bed, requiring Countess Grantham, Lady Mary and Anna the maid (Bates’ girlfriend) to carry the body in secrecy back to his room. Any true Downtonite knows that Mrs. Hughes would never permit anyone on the staff, or upstairs, to be Pamuked by anyone, so Vera is toast!

Filled with sumptuous images and photographs, *Downton Abbey – A Celebration* is a comprehensive, beautifully designed edition perfect for holiday gift giving to history buffs, period drama and Downton Abbey fans. WARNING! Be sure to buy two copies, or you will never gift it away.

Sandra says

Excellent, I love a good combination of film/storytelling and history and of course perfect as (an almost) Christmas read.

Mary says

Excellent, not just for the Downton Abbey characters, storyline and settings but for the history and social etiquette of the era.

Chloé W. says

Filled with character and plot analysis, pictures, behind-the-scenes fun, and quotes, this book is a must-have for any Downton fan!

Peggy says

I had to wait until I finished watching the series before I finished this because I was coming across some "spoilers" to season 6. A beautiful book that gives the reader a little background on the characters & the people who played them. Also the places where so many of the scenes were shot. Just an all around beautiful book!

Cottageunderhill says

This is a great coffee table book. The pictures are beautiful and I loved reading the interviews with all the cast. A great closer to the Downton Abbey series. I shall miss it.

Roos says

Een schitterende toevoeging voor de fans van Downton Abbey. Een boek met extra informatie en prachtige foto's! Alleen zaten er hier en daar jammer genoeg wat fouten in wat denk ik door de vertaling komt
