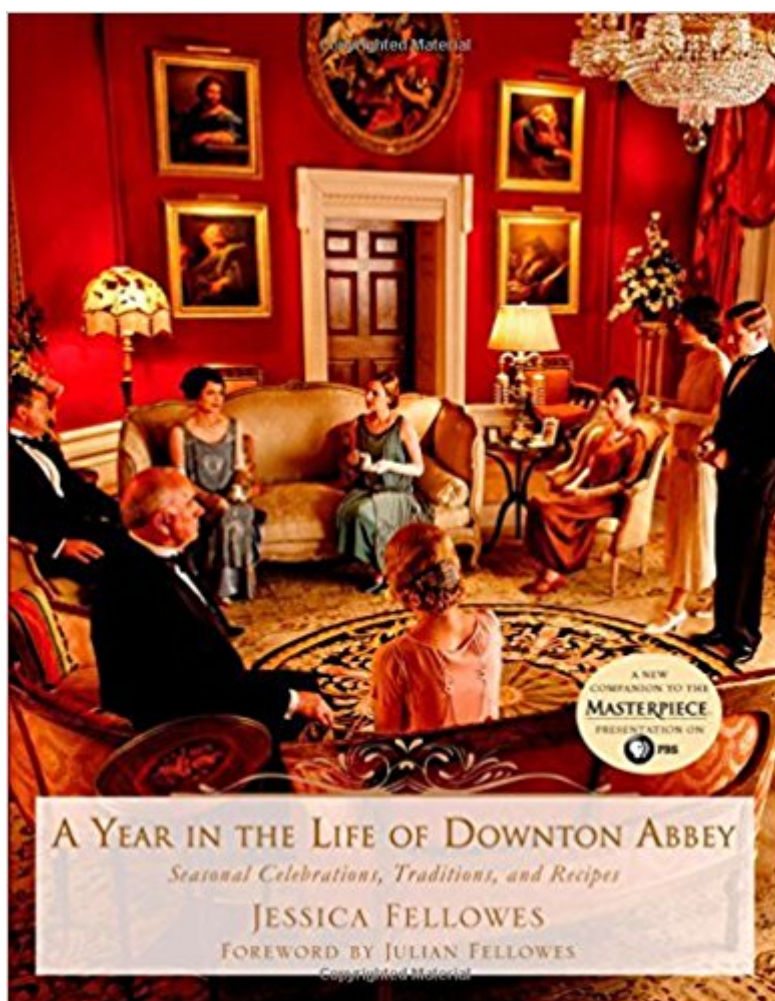


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# A Year In The Life Of Downton Abbey: Seasonal Celebrations, Traditions, And Recipes



## Synopsis

It's 1924 and there have been many changes at Downton Abbey since the family and their servants first welcomed us there twelve years ago. A generation of men has been tragically lost at the front; children are once again breathing new life into the great house; a chauffeur now sits at the Grantham dinner table; and skirt hems continue to rise. Still, in the midst of all this upheaval, many things at Downton remain largely unchanged. Nanny still holds sway in the nursery, and there are still summer fetes to be organized, menus to be planned, and farms to be run. This gorgeous book explores the seasonal events and celebrations of the great estate— including house parties, debutantes, the London Season, yearly trips to Scotland, the sporting season, and, of course, the cherished rituals of Christmas. Jessica Fellowes and the creative team behind Downton Abbey invite us to peer through the prism of the house as we learn more about the lives of our favorite characters, the actors who play them, and those who bring this exquisite world to real life. *A Year in the Life of Downton Abbey* is packed full of exclusive new photographs, with a delicious array of traditional British recipes adapted for modern kitchens: kedgeree, orange marmalade, asparagus tarts, cream of watercress soup, Irish stew, lemon barley water, meringues with red berries, parmesan straws, Christmas pudding with brandy butter and more. From the moment when the servants light the fires against the chill of January, through the last family game of charades and the servants' Christmas ball, this magnificent book invites us to take part in twelve months in the life of Downton Abbey.

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I came very late to the Downton Abbey phenomenon as I watched the series finale and then purchased the entire series and binge watched it (twice!). I purchased this book and the "Celebrations" book at the same time and basically read them as I was watching the show for the first time. It went a long way in helping me to understand the characters, and why some things were done then as they were. It is a beautiful book with thick glossy pages and colored pictures. Any spoilers did not bother me at all. It is a beautiful book with lots of information for the Downton fan....both for those who watched it every week when it was on air, and for those of us who missed out at first but became a serious fan at the end.

I bought this as a Christmas present. Of course I looked through it before I wrapped it, and was surprised to find that it was more of a summary of the series than it was a cookbook, which I had thought it was. It did have some recipes in it, and I actually wanted to try several of them, but I was disappointed that there were so few. However, the person I gave it to loved it so I was pleased that I had gotten it for her.

A beautiful volume with large, color photographs a beloved Downton Abbey. BTW the recipes bring a wonderful surprise to the text. I gave this book as a gift and received surprised ooings and aweings.

Having visited Highclere Castle and Bampton and waiting with eagerness for the 6th season, this

book was intriguing. I have so much more respect for the research done for the production, the skill of the actors, the accuracy of the early 20th century. The recipes were not necessary for me. The pictures were wonderful though top sided on Mary.

This book has proven to be very popular with all of the fans in my family. Haven purchased one as a Christmas present for my wife, both my mother-in-law and sister-in-law had a chance to read parts of it and decided they needed copies. This was especially surprising to me as my mother-in-law would normally content herself with what she read, but not ask for her own copy. The book looks at a month to month snapshot of the comings and goings, and key events based on the specifics of that month. Easy read, well produced, and as indicated above, very well received.

The author is making a killing off of her Downton books-and one look through the one I gave to my Assistant tells me all I need to know-quite simply they are so very well done. It's a gift that will be a hit for anyone wrapped up in the Downton series.

My husband and I are "Downton Abbey" addicts. This lovely book provided a glimpse into what life was like in England and how the roles these actors play in the show were so realistic to what was really happening at that time. Filled with beautiful color photographs of the characters themselves, recipes galore, and background information on the director, the producer, costume designer, makeup artists, etc., this book was a joy. Enjoy!

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