



Jessica Fellowes

Topics

Culture and Society, Journalism, Lifestyle, Pop Culture and Entertainment

Travels From

United Kingdom

Bio

Jessica Fellowes is an author, journalist, and public speaker. Her career began at the *Mail on Sunday*, where she was a celebrity interviewer, gossip columnist, and lifestyle editor for some six years. From there, she went on to be Deputy Editor of *Country Life* magazine, during which time she wrote the magazine's weekly "Town Mouse" column as well as a townie's guide to country weekends for *The London Paper*. The latter formed the basis of her first book, *Mud & the City: Dos and Don'ts for Townies in the Country*. A spell as a freelance feature writer for a number of publications including *The Daily Telegraph*, *Sunday Times Style*, *The Lady*, and *Psychologies* magazine followed before she turned to ghostwriting, starting with *Is There A Psycho In Your Life?*, written with the forensic psychologist Kerry Daynes. Jessica also worked with the founders of *notonthehighstreet.com* on their book, *Build A Business From Your Kitchen Table*, which went to no.1 of the *Sunday Times* Business bestseller list and the recently released follow-up *Shape Up Your Business: The Founders of notonthehighstreet.com share their story in a 30-day success plan*. Jessica is best known for her work as author of four official

companion books to a certain hit television show: *The Wit and Wisdom of Downton Abbey*, *A Year in the Life of Downton Abbey*, *The Chronicles of Downton Abbey* and *The World of Downton Abbey*. The first two hit *The Sunday Times*, *New York Times*, and *The Globe & Mail* (Canada) bestseller lists. These books led to her being in demand as a speaker at events both in the UK and US, discussing the real-life inspirations for the show, both historical and characters from her family (Jessica is the niece of creator and scriptwriter Julian Fellowes). Her first novel, *The Mitford Murders*, was released in the US in January 2018 by Minotaur Books and turned into a series. Jessica talks before a wide variety of audiences – from small, private dinners of 25 to vast auditoriums of 2,500 people. In the USA, she has given talks for PBS stations, charitable foundations, universities, and public libraries from New Jersey to Denver. Her talks are delivered with humor and she is always delighted to take questions from the audience. She has over 9,000 followers on Twitter. Jessica lives happily in Oxfordshire with her husband Simon, son George, stepchildren Louis and Beatrix, an energetic Labradoodle, and two chickens. But she remains a Londoner at heart, the place where her high heels remain blissfully mud-free.

SPEECHES

A Year in the Life of Downton Abbey The talk to accompany the book with the same name, along with a Q&A. With clips from the show and a slideshow of the book's gorgeous photography and design, Jessica talks about the house's seasonal celebrations and traditions, as well as drawing deft parallels between the lives lived then and now.

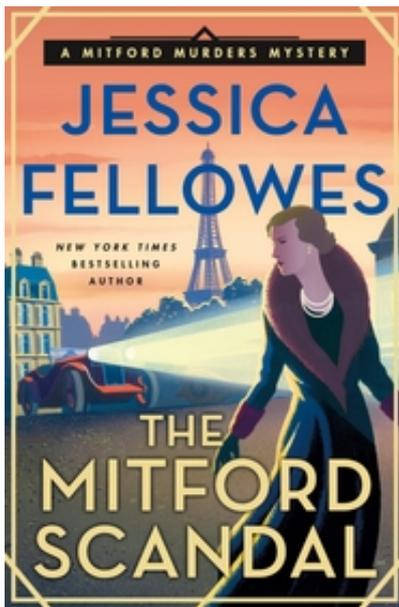
Downton Abbey - A Celebration Jessica elaborates on her interviews with the cast and crew who know the show's secrets. Additionally, she takes a larger look at all six seasons and highlights the changing styles and fashions of Downton over that time span. This program features a costume change, images/clips from the show, question cards, and interactive elements with the audience.

BOOKS

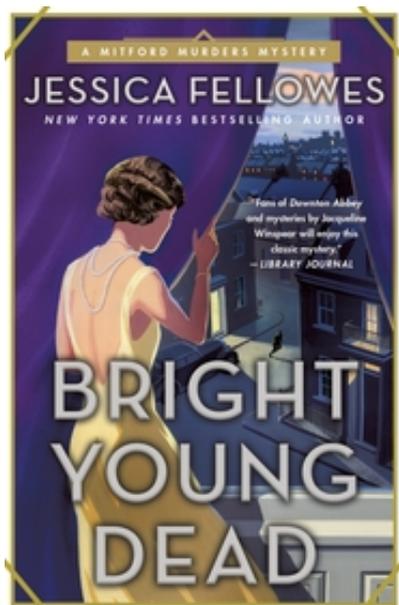
[The Mitford Scandal](#) The Mitford Murders (Volume 3)

Minotaur Books

The year is 1928, and after the death of a maid at a glamorous society party, fortune heir Bryan Guinness seizes life and proposes to eighteen-year-old Diana, most beautiful of the six Mitford sisters. The maid's death is ruled an accident, and the



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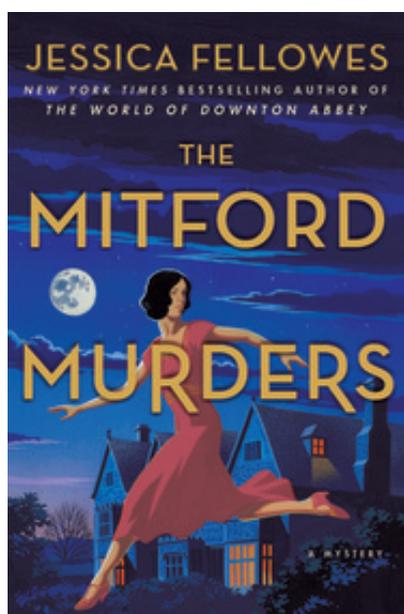
newlyweds put it behind them to begin a whirlwind life zipping between London's Mayfair, chic Paris, and hedonistic Berlin. Accompanying Diana as her lady's maid is Louisa Cannon, as well as a coterie of friends, family, and hangers on, from Nancy Mitford to Evelyn Waugh. When a second victim is found in Paris in 1931, Louisa begins to see links with the death of the maid two years previously. Now she must convince the Mitford sisters that a murderer could be within their midst . . . all while shadows darken across Europe, and within the heart of Diana Mitford herself.

[Bright Young Dead](#)The Mitford Murders (Volume 2)

Minotaur Books

Meet the Bright Young Things, the rabble-rousing hedonists of the 1920s whose treasure hunts enrapture the media. One of their games ends in

tragedy as cruel, charismatic Adrian Curtis is pushed to his death from the bell tower of the church neighboring the Mitford home, Asthall Manor. The police quickly identify the killer as a maid, Dulcie. But Louisa Cannon, chaperone of the Mitford girls and a former criminal herself, believes Dulcie is innocent, and sets out to clear the girl's name... all while the real killer lurks, perhaps only around the corner.



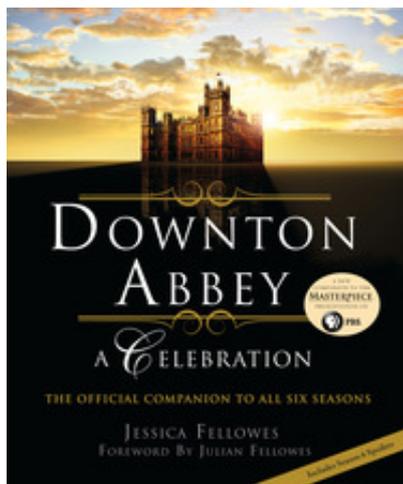
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[The Mitford Murders](#)

Minotaur Books

It's 1920, and Louisa Cannon dreams of escaping her life of poverty in London. Louisa's salvation is a position within the Mitford household at Asthall Manor, in the Oxfordshire countryside. But then a nurse—Florence Nightingale Shore, goddaughter of her famous namesake—is killed on a train in broad daylight, and Louisa and Nancy find themselves entangled in the crimes of a murderer who will do anything to hide their secret. Based on an unsolved crime and written by Jessica Fellowes, author of the

New York Times bestselling *Downton Abbey* companion books, *The Mitford Murders* is the perfect new obsession for fans of Daisy Goodwin, *Downton Abbey*, and classic murder mysteries.



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[Downton Abbey - A Celebration](#) The Official Companion to All Six Seasons

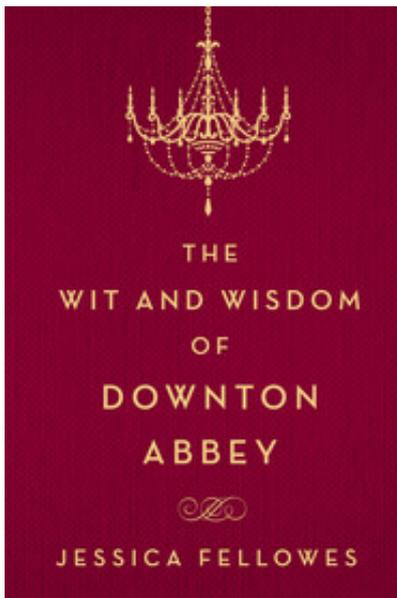
St. Martin's Press (November 2015)

This extraordinary book will feature in-depth interviews with the cast and crew who know the show's secrets, as well as a fascinating look at the changing styles and fashions of Downton and a complete episode guide to all six seasons up to the U.K. Christmas special.

[The Wit and Wisdom of Downton Abbey](#)

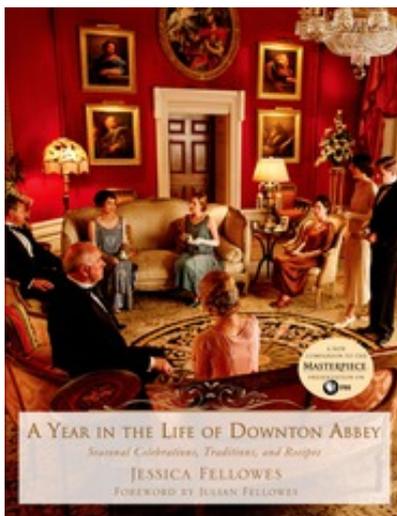
St. Martin's Press (October 2015)

Jessica Fellowes has gathered together her favorite quotes from the complete *Downton Abbey* oeuvre



to take each of us back to the most memorable moments from the show and ensure we are armed with the very best ripostes should we ever need to chastise an impertinent lady's maid.

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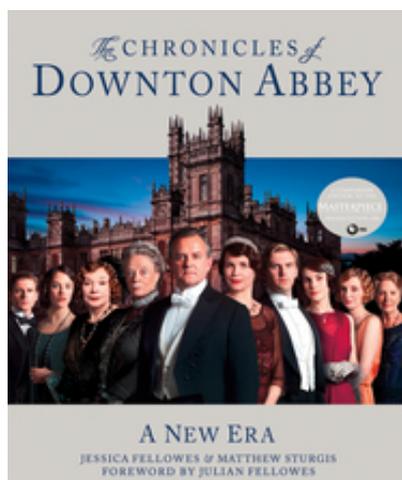


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[A Year in the Life of Downton Abbey](#) Seasonal Celebrations, Traditions, and Recipes

St. Martin's Press

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.

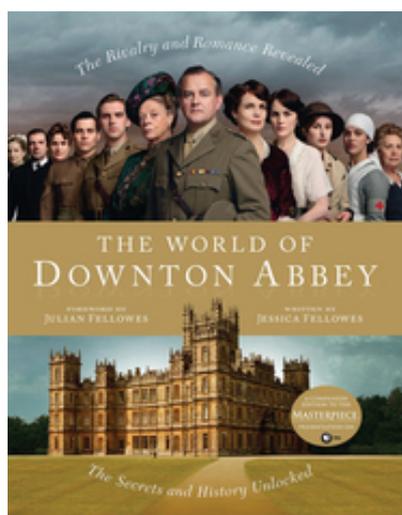


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[The Chronicles of Downton Abbey](#) A New Era

St. Martin's Press

This lavish book from Jessica Fellowes focuses on each character individually, examining their motivations, their actions, and the inspirations behind them.



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[The World of Downton Abbey](#)

St. Martin's Press

A lavish look at the real world--both the secret history and the behind-the-scenes drama--of the spellbinding Emmy Award-winning Masterpiece TV series Downton Abbey

REVIEWS: Jessica was a delight to work with and did a beautiful job with her presentation! Our clients absolutely loved the stories she told about the show's creation and real-life inspiration for the characters. She signed books for over an hour and a half and was gracious to take photos with guests. Thank you so much!!!

-Wilmington Trust

I cannot thank you enough for what you did for our library- you delivered so very much more than we ever bargained for! You let me navigate you through the very crowded reception and could not have been more gracious with our guests. Your presentation to the crowd was both informative and amusing; you thoroughly charmed them. I have been bombarded today with emails and text messages telling me how "brilliant" we were for arranging to have you speak!

-Carmel Clay Public Library

We had a fantastic event with Jessica. She was entertaining and insightful, and the audience loved hearing her. We've received many compliments from audience members about what a wonderful evening it was. Many thanks for your help in arranging her visit—she was truly a delight!

-Dallas Museum of Art

Thanks so much for helping to bring Jessica Fellowes to Colorado for our event. It went incredibly well. We sold out (I had folks calling me begging for tickets) and Jessica was delightful. The perfect mix of history and dish. Everyone was so impressed with the entire event.

-Douglas County Libraries

We had a fantastic time with Jessica Fellowes! She is a wonderful speaker and our guests were incredibly pleased with the program. Her talk was the perfect length for our audience and she was very gracious in her answers to their questions. She also posed for many pictures. Personally, I found her to be very warm, easy-going, and a lot of fun to be around. Thank you for helping us make this program a success. I look forward to working with you again in the future.

-Peoria Public Library

It was nothing short of spectacular. Not an inch short. Fellowes was a delight from the moment she arrived to the moment I shipped her back to the UK. We sold out and there wasn't a person there who didn't absolutely love it.

– Loose Gravel Press

Thank you for being so very gracious with your time and attention. You brought remarkable insight to the Downton Abbey series. Numerous guests of the luncheon here and the Sea Island events have gone out of their way to express their appreciation to WJCT. Your visit served us well.

-WJCT Broadcasting

Jessica Fellowes was a great success and Downton Abbey fans filled our Great Hall—everyone from college students to older community members. The audience really enjoyed the extra details and insights she provided, and her wit and warmth as she answered questions, signed books, and posed for pictures. And the bookstore ran out of books! One of her graduate student hosts wrote: ‘I felt like I was meeting with an old friend that I have not seen in years—she was just that personable!! And her talk was funny!’ Thanks for helping make this happen. Everyone—and I do mean everyone—appreciated your hard work!

-Director, Lectures Program, Iowa State University