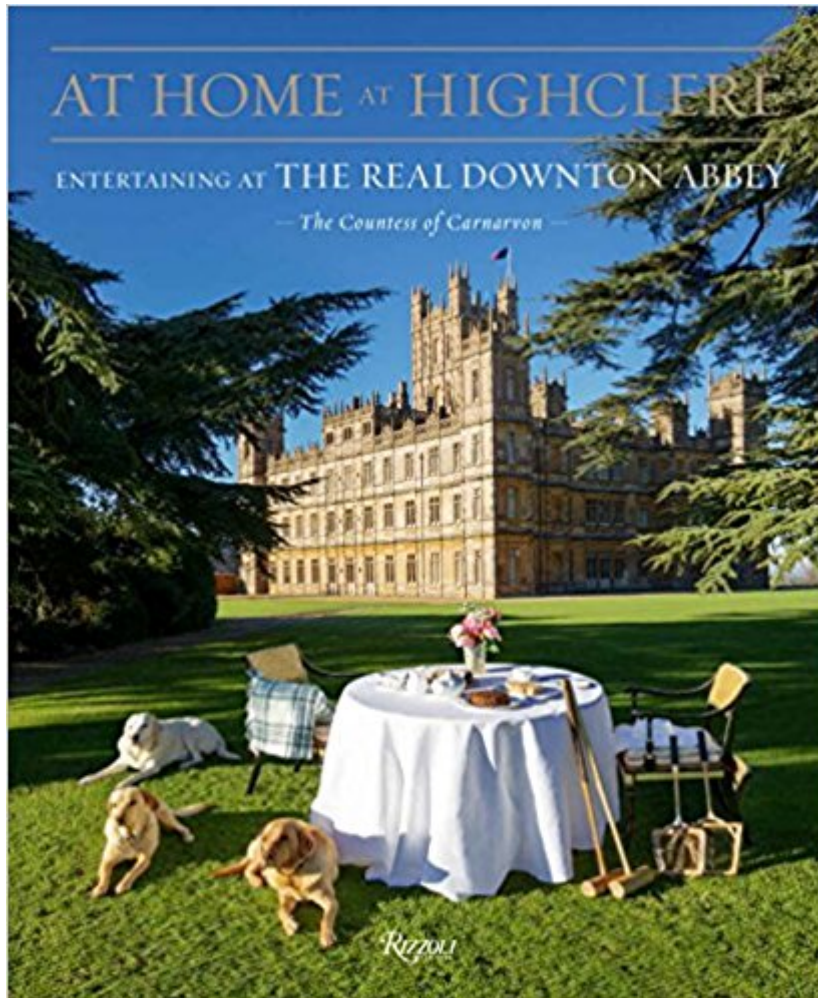




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# At Home At Highclere: Entertaining At The Real Downton Abbey



## Synopsis

Written by the current lady of the manor, this book gives complete access to the world-renowned historic country house and showcases the art of entertaining, past and present. Highclere Castle, famed as the setting for *Downton Abbey*, is the epitome of how we imagine the perfect English country house. Long the Carnarvon family's ancestral country seat, Highclere has welcomed royalty, statesmen, and notables from the worlds of business, academia, and the arts for shooting parties, elegant fêtes, and celebrations in the grand style. Lady Fiona Carnarvon, the current chatelaine, invites readers inside Highclere, past and present, as she describes how to entertain in the style of a stately English country house: the etiquette of the invitation, multi-course meals, correct seating arrangements, proper attire, setting the table. She delves into family archives to highlight four real-life historic weekend parties over a seventy-year period during which Highclere hosted an ever-changing cast of notable figures—including Benjamin Disraeli and the Prince of Wales—exploring how society and entertaining changed decade by decade. Complete with gorgeous full-color photography of Highclere's rooms and punctuated by charming archival images, the book explores changing menus, fashionable cocktails of the day, and includes, where practical, adaptations for recipes which can be used for entertaining in the present day.

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The Countess of Carnarvon attended St Andrews University and was an auditor for Coopers & Lybrand before authoring bestselling works of historical biography, including *Lady Almina* and the

Real Downton Abbey and Lady Catherine, the Earl, and the Real Downton Abbey.

When visiting Highclere Castle in 2012, we remarked of what a shame it was to not have a good quality book of the interior of the castle available for purchase. Photos were not allowed inside the Castle, so taking home a book featuring these elaborate rooms was surely missed. WELL, my wish came true! Here it is! This amazing book not only highlights the fabulous interior rooms of Highclere, but also tells the family's history wonderfully detailed by The Countess. It features recipes that look delicious and appealing from the kitchen at Highclere. I am so pleased to have this wonderful book in my collection!

This is a fabulous book. I love taking the time to go through it with a nice cup of tea and some quality kickback time.

This was a birthday gift for a Downton Abbey fan (as am I). It is a lovely 'coffee table' type of book with photos, stories, and recipes included. My friend was greatly pleased and is going to buy a copy to give to a friend of hers, also. I am very well satisfied!

Fabulous, great history and back ground. The recipes all sound delish and the beaters stew was fantastic after a cold and damp Sunday walk. I would love to spend an afternoon tromping around the estate with Eddie Hughes!

Beautiful book! Great gift!

I had to put in four stars although I haven't seen the book. I wanted to know if anyone who has seen or bought it can tell me if the recipe for curry is in this book? Thanks. If you just add the information as a comment that would help.

Just a nice coffee table book that tells/shows the history of the now famous home of Downton Abbey.

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