

# MORE DOWNTON ABBEY READ-ALIKES



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## FICTION

### **Cavendon Hall** by Barbara Taylor Bradford

A tale spanning sixteen years in early-twentieth-century England finds the centuries-long relationship between the aristocratic Inghams and the Swann family who serves them tested by the outbreak of World War I.

### **Rutherford Park** by Elizabeth Cooke

The Cavendish family of Rutherford Park secretly dreams of freeing themselves from the rigid constraints and rules of the English aristocracy in the early twentieth century.

### **The Midnight Rose** by Lucinda Riley

Shooting a film at Asbury Hall, a magnificent English country house, American actress Rebecca Bradley, who is playing a 1920s debutante, bears a striking resemblance to the woman she is portraying and tries to understand her connection to a tragic love affair 60 years in the past.

### **The New Countess** by Fay Weldon

As Dilberne Court prepares for a visit from Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, Lady Isobel finds herself at odds with her son's new American heiress wife.

### **Tyringham Park** by Rosemary McLoughlin

Drawn back to the beautiful country estate of Tyringham Park from where her sister vanished years earlier, Charlotte becomes immersed in the secrets that affect the days of everyone connected to this once great house and must find a way to escape her past.

## NONFICTION

### **Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey: The Lost Legacy of Highclere Castel** by Fiona, Countess of Carnarvon

Examines the life of Lady Almina, the fifth Countess of Carnarvon, and the events in Highclere Castle during the First World War.

### **The Glitter and the Gold** by Consuelo Vanderbilt Balsan

The life story of the American heiress and Duchess of Marlborough, whose experiences inspired the character of Downtown Abby's Lady Grantham, describes her arranged marriage, her observations of the intricate hierarchy of her home in Blenheim Palace, and her encounters with famous historical figures.

### **American Jennie: The Remarkable Life of Lady Randolph Churchill** by Anne Sebba

Traces the tempestuous life of Winston Churchill's American-born mother, discussing her entry into British aristocracy, her accomplishments, and the controversy surrounding her uninhibited lifestyle.

## DVDs

**The Dutchess of Duke Street** (Acorn Media, 2012)

**Mr. Selfridge** (PBS, 2013)

**Secrets of Highclere Castle** (PBS, 2013)