Lady Catherine, the Earl, and the Real Downton Abbey

THE COUNTESS *of* CARNARVON

READ BY WANDA McCADDON

Lady Catherine, the Earl, and the Real Downton Abbey, a transporting companion piece to the *New York Times* bestseller *Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey*, tells the story of Catherine Wendell, the beautiful and spirited American who married Lady Almina's son, the man who would become the 6th Earl of Carnarvon. The couple presided over Highclere Castle, the grand estate that serves as the setting for the hit PBS show *Downton Abbey*. Following the First World War, many of the great houses of England faded as their owners' fortunes declined in the new political and social world of the 1920s and 1930s. As war loomed, Highclere's survival as the family home of the Carnarvons was again in the balance—as was peace between the nations of Europe.

Using copious materials—including diaries and scrapbooks—from the castle's archives, the current Countess of Carnarvon brings alive a very modern story in a beautiful and fabled setting, paying particular attention to the staff who provide Highclere Castle with continuity between generations.

FIONA, the 8th Countess of CARNARVON, married Geordie, the 8th Earl of Carnarvon, in 1999, and they acceded to Highclere ten years ago upon the death of Geordie's father. Highclere has become one of the most famous houses in England as the location for the PBS series *Downton Abbey*.

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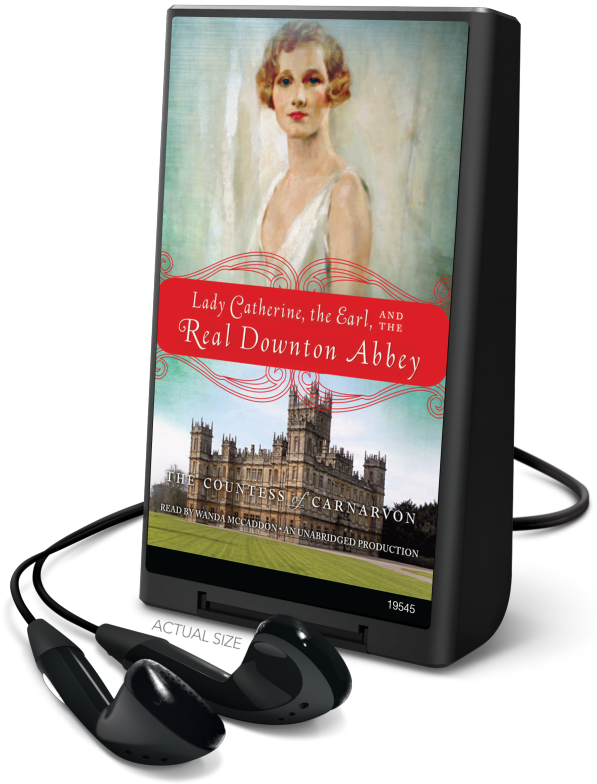

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