

# MINDING THE MANOR MOLLIE MORAN

The charming true story of an English girl's adventures while in domestic service for the upper class.

Mollie Moran is one of the few people alive today who can recall working "downstairs" in the early 1930s before the outbreak of World War II. In *Minding the Manor*, she provides a rare and fascinating insight into a world that has long since vanished.

Mollie left school at age fourteen and became a scullery maid for a wealthy gentleman with a mansion house in London's Knightsbridge and a Tudor manor in Norfolk. Even though her days were long and grueling and included such endless tasks as polishing doorknobs, scrubbing steps, and helping with all of the food prep in the kitchen, Mollie enjoyed her freedom and had a rich life. She cherished her friendship with Flo, the kitchen maid, dated a sweet farmhand, and became secretly involved with a brooding and temperamental footman. Molly eventually rose to kitchen maid and then became cook for the Earl of Leicester's niece at the magnificent Wallington Hall.

**Mollie Moran** (1916–2014) grew up in Norfolk and was sent to London as a scullery maid at the age of fourteen. She left her employer in 1938 to marry an Irish airman, with whom she later ran a hotel in Bournemouth. When she was well into her nineties, Mollie still regularly hosted Scrabble parties and cooked for up to twenty-five people.

A classically trained actress, **Veida Dehmlow** has dozens of stage credits to her name. Her voice work includes commercials, video games, and the narration of books in a variety of genres. Her audiobooks include *My Lady*, *My Lord* by Katharine Ashe and *The Governess of Highland Hall* by Carrie Turansky.

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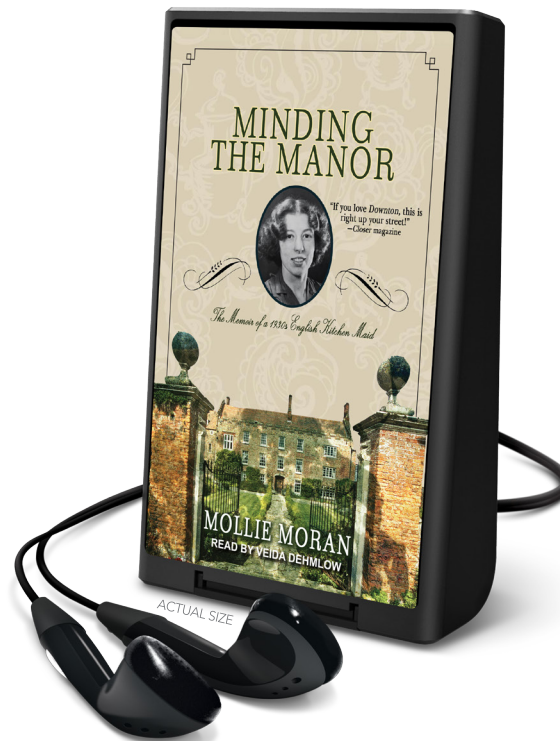


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