

LADY FIONA CARNARVON

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"A historian, author and tour-de-force."

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ABOUT LADY CARNARVON

Fiona, 8th Countess of Carnarvon, is the wife of Geordie, 8th Earl of Carnarvon. They live at Highclere Castle, known to millions around the world as "Downton Abbey."

Lady Carnarvon is the best-selling author of six books, a historian, an international speaker, and an established fundraiser in the UK and abroad. Her everyday life at Highclere varies from welcoming visitors to her home, creating events to support charities, managing and restoring the castle's historic buildings, gardening, filming, and directing the marketing of the Highclere brand. Lady Carnarvon manages other global endeavors, such as the award-winning Highclere Castle Gin.

Her latest book, *The Earl and the Pharaoh*, is a biography of the 5th Earl of Carnarvon which describes his discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun with Howard Carter. Working from archives, letters and diaries, the book brings to life the story of this remarkable man and his friendship and collaboration with Howard Carter. Lord Carnarvon had sailed and travelled through much of the world but was drawn to Egypt and dedicated his work and life to the excavation and understanding of Ancient Egypt. He worked for some 16 years in the inhospitable dry sands, through much of it, searching for Tutankhamun.

Following a degree at St. Andrew's University, she trained as a Chartered Accountant with what is now PricewaterhouseCoopers. She is proud that Highclere Castle serves as an anchor to the past as well as an innovative member of the modern world.

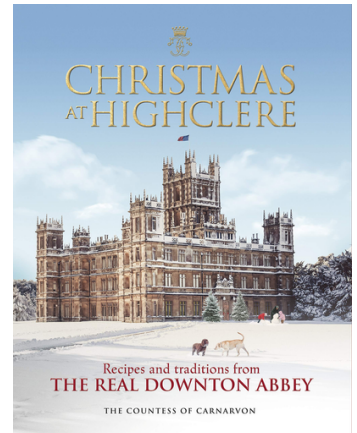
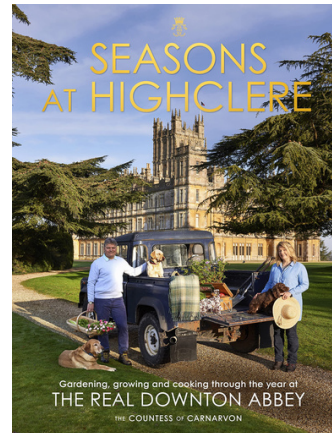
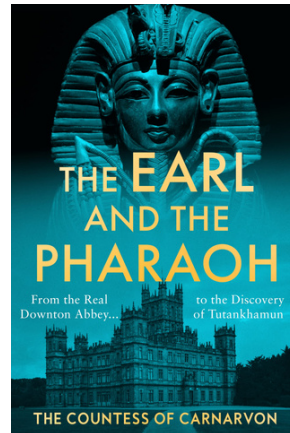


INTRODUCTION

THE DYNAMIC COUNTESS

As the eighth and current Countess of Carnarvon reigning, the real-life setting for Masterpiece's *Downton Abbey*, Lady Fiona Carnarvon has called upon her expertise as a historian to inspire narratives of Highclere Castle in the post-Edwardian era. Her many books invite readers into the daily life on the castle's grounds, including farming, cooking, gardening, hosting, and restoration.

RESOURCES



SPEECH TOPICS

- Authenticity in Branding: Highclere Castle
- Highclere Castle: the Real Downton Abbey
- Landscape and Gardens
- The Discovery of Tutankhamun
- Architecture and Interiors
- WWI and WWII
- Business and Community: The Long View
- Sustainability: Grow Well, Live Well, Eat Well—Farming and growing food for 1,000 years at Highclere

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