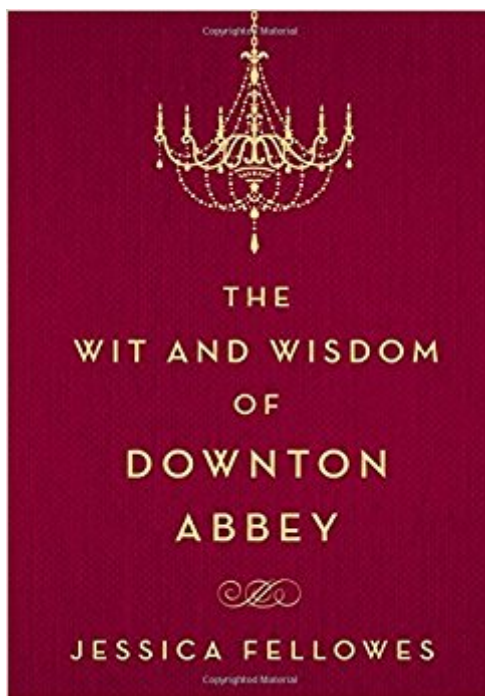


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A PRACTICAL REVIEW OF THE VALUE OF THIS BOOK. WHAT IT IS... AND WHAT IT ISN'T

QUITE DESCRIPTION: I want to say up front that I love this book and very glad to own it. It is pretty

much what I expected and I am not disappointed. I also want to be fair to future purchasers and explain what this book is, and what it isn't quite. The small publication (just under 7 1/2" tall and under 1/2" thick) is a treasure trove of great lines from the movie. There are wonderful lines from all seasons and you can imagine Violet features strongly as she has so many tremendous lines. There are also lines of wisdom as the title describes. But I would suggest the focus of this small book is also like a remembrance of great scenes. Rather than simple one liners from different characters, we get sections of lines from the script where characters interact. Not every entry is particularly prescient or witty, but it does refer us to a wonderful moment or scene. In such a small book, you may not find every single favorite line you expected to be there. But it is still a wonderful keepsake. Among the pages of lines and witticisms are also a few nice photos with more captions. I have included some photos of my own of the book that gives you examples of what to expect.

SOME OBSERVATIONS: I don't want this to be a "cons" paragraph because I do love the book. But I do want to give just a few of those observations so prospective buyers know what to expect and expectations can be tempered. We all know this is what some might call "cash grab". But I am not going to call that a negative and the book will contain much of what you expect. That's what is important in the end. It's an inexpensive book if you get the right price (it cost me under \$10). As I said, it's a terrific keepsake and the content is worthy. But for the price you shouldn't expect a flashy book. The cover is very no frills and the photos are nice, but not glitzy like a large photo book. If I were to do anything differently, it would only be this: I like the witticisms the most so I would have put even more emphasis on that. I think they also could have done a really classy cover that would exude the opulence of the former age. But to be fair, that would be a much more expensive book and might put some buyers off. I would describe this book as built for enjoyment rather than display, and that is a worthy goal for producing it. I did notice the original retail sticker from publisher leaves a mark on the back no matter what I did. If you love the show and treasure many of the one liners or interaction that make it so memorable, this is a worthy and normally very inexpensive way to relive a bit of those feelings from time to time. Since each entry is very small, you can sit back and enjoy it for just a few moments each time if that's all you wish. I highly recommend it.

Love this little book! Worth every penny. So many one-liners from the script over six seasons, from many various characters. Violet's quotations are the absolute best, as expected.

Presented in hardcover and bound to last, this is a delightful little book that is sure to replace Roget's in the Downton Abbey fan's house. I appreciate this book because the dialogue of the show

is very British, and therefore the phrasing tends to be complex. There's also a dry, almost cynical wit to the show that rewards the careful viewer (and listener). Because of these factors, seeing the words in print enables me to call back to the episode and think about what was going on at the time of the quote. It's a fun, and I daresay intimate way to appreciate the quotes in this book. It almost makes me feel as though the character and I have a shared memory. Silly, I know, because it's just a TV show...but it's an engrossing and well done TV show. Anyway, enough gushing. For the Downton fan this is a good add to the library. I like it a lot.

I so appreciated 're-living the various Seasons of Downtons past. Miss Fellowes gave us a great little gift here..... Loved it

Just got this little book and was delighted to see quotes from Season Six (episode 1 just aired last week in U.S.) as well as the other five...devoured it in one sitting, and know I will return to it again and again. Beautifully subdivided by subject or situation, Julian's niece Jessica has organized a wonderful tome of humor and grace, focusing on the wonderful characters of Downton Abbey. A must-have for any fan!

We enjoyed reading this book. It is full of the great one liners from seasons 1-5. Very funny, intelligent, and poetic.

Just brilliant writing. I love this treasure!

WHY, WHY, WHY??? This is a beautiful little book; exactly what I'd expected. So I tear open the box and what do I see but a sticker on the back...not only a sticker but the kind of sticker that leaves behind a sticky goo. Normally I would use Goo-b-gone but you cannot use that on a fabric cover. So I'm back to WHY would anyone put a sticker on a fabric cover... or any at all? I'm sure the book is worth the \$10 but if I'd wanted to give it for a gift, I wouldn't be able to. If I'd seen it in the store, I'd've checked first to see if the sticker came off...and would not have purchased if I knew it left the back cover all messy. Anyone know how to remove goo from fabric? (All this is the reason for my 4- instead of 5-star rating... which you can't tell until you read my rant!) ...later that day: tried to remove aforementioned "goo" and realized that the cover is not fabric but a fabric-like paper... which was also removed when I tried to remove the gunk. So this is more a warning than a rating: leave the sticker on the book!

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