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Sommario/riassunto	<p>Downton Abbey portrays a world of elegance and decadence, a world of duty and obedience and a world of romance and rivalry: this official companion book to series 1 and 2 takes fans deeper into that world than ever before. Using a thematic structure to highlight the main storylines, such as the family, daily life, war, servitude, society and style, different characters come to life in each chapter. The text also gives insights into the political and social history of the period, and real-life characters and situations for comparison and illustration. Step inside one of the most beautiful houses in Britain, past Carson the butler at the front door and into the grand hallway. Catch a glimpse of the family having drinks in the drawing room before dinner, dressed in their evening finery, whilst Lord Grantham finishes writing a letter in his study. Then climb the grand sweeping staircase to the maze of rooms upstairs and peak through Lady Mary's open door to see Anna, her maid, tidying scent bottles and jewellery on the ornate dressing table. Having admired the view of the parkland surrounding the house, follow Anna down the servants' stairs and into the kitchens to watch Mrs Patmore frantically preparing dinner. Mrs Hughes keeps a watchful eye from her study and the world of Downton comes alive before you. Experience the inner workings of the downstairs life and be dazzled by the glamour of upstairs life with profiles of all the major characters, interviews with the actors, behind the scenes insights and in-depth information on costumes and props. This is a must for any fan of</p>

Britain's most watched period drama.

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