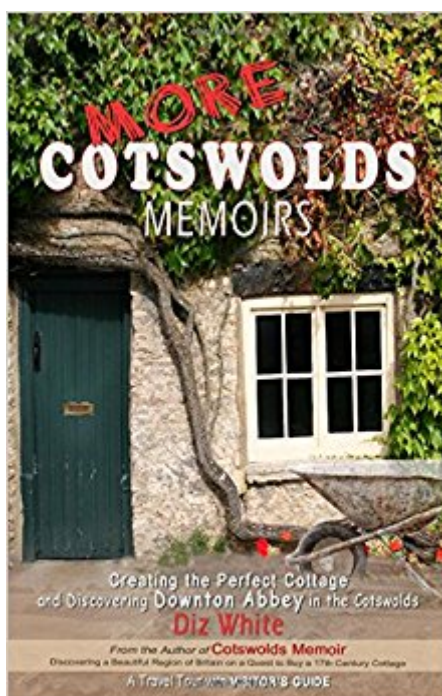


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More Cotswolds Memoirs: Creating The Perfect Cottage And Discovering Downton Abbey In The Cotswolds



Synopsis

Continuing actress/author Diz White's love note to this beautiful region *More Cotswolds Memoirs* finds her on another fun-filled roller coaster ride as she builds on to her Grade II listed cottage and, during her journey, discovers the Cotswold film locations of *Downton Abbey*, explores their history and meets with the stars of the series. The story began in her last book *COTSWOLDS MEMOIR: Discovering a Beautiful Region of Britain on a Quest to Buy a 17th Century Cottage* and now with new adventures and updates of the characters introduced in this memoir her travel-tour of the region turns into another laugh-out-loud, good life, foodie, meet the eccentric locals, cliff-hanging read. Will the author overcome all obstacles and achieve her goal - Cotswold bliss in her newly renovated cottage? Gorgeous colour photographs of *Downton Abbey* stars filming in Bampton and celebrating at their end of series party are included. Added to this are photographs of stunning scenery making this book a souvenir of the Cotswolds. There is also valuable information for cottage owners preparing to build an extension with Practical Tips and ingenious ways to ensure Grade listed planning approval. A Resource Guide for listed property owners is at the end of the narrative along with an extensive Visitor's Guide which includes this author's choice of the best the Cotswolds has to offer in historic sites, activities, accommodation, gastro-pubs, restaurants, antique emporiums, open gardens, etc. with many off-the-beaten-track and eclectic choices. Postcodes for instant input into GPS or Sat Navs are included as are web sites for every entry. *More Cotswolds Memoirs* doubles as a Travel-Tour of the Cotswolds. Several chapters contain an Itinerary for an ideal day out with a ready-made route leading to fun activities and suggestions for places to eat, historic sites etc. grouped together within an easily accessible distance. Visitors are saved the time and trouble of planning a lovely day out in the Cotswolds. An Index helps visitors to easily find descriptions of villages, historic sites and many other highlights of the Cotswolds.

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Customer Reviews

British-born author Diz White divides her time between the Cotswolds in England and Hollywood where she also has a career as an actress, playwright and screenplay writer. Diz enjoys hearing from her readers and can be contacted through her publicist's email at publicitypromo@aol.com. Read more on www.DizWhite.com. Diz wrote the hit show 'El Grande de Coca-Cola' (subsequently televised by HBO), with her comedy troupe, for which she won a New York Critics Drama Desk Award and 'Bullshot Crummond' later the movie 'Bullshot' in which she starred with Billy Connelly, and also co-wrote. Other books by this author include: COTSWOLDS MEMOIR: Discovering a Beautiful Region of Britain on a Quest to Buy a 17th Century Cottage. Diz is married to Randall Montgomery (montgomeryfoto.com) whose photographs illustrate all her books. Diz is currently developing a feature film of Cotswolds Memoir and working on a new non-fiction book about the Cotswolds.

A thoroughly enjoyable book, my imagination was ignited as though I was there going through the building saga with them. If one can't physically travel but likes to, this is a good armchair journey due to the many descriptive passages including meals in British pubs and plenty of historical tidbits that have been researched and shared.

Made me want to head for the Cotswolds immediately. That area is one of my favorite places on the planet.

Downton Abbey and the Cotswolds together! It was a true joy to read Diz White's book. She has found all the Downton Abbey film locations in the most idyllic part of England and takes the reader on a magical journey to them and many more wonderful places to visit in this region. This is also comedic writing at its best as the author weaves the story of renovating her 17th Century cottage into the narrative along with hilarious encounters with the eccentric folks who inhabit this forgotten-by-time part of England. Her off-the-wall stories had me laughing out loud and I also found her journey so engaging that I couldn't put this book down. After reading it and seeing the copious amounts of stunning photos it contains, the visitor guide at the back with all the author's top choices

for where to eat, stay and have fun - I am off to the Cotswolds at the first opportunity and this book will be the first item I pack. Downton Abbey and the Cotswolds, what joy - here I come!

I LOVE this book! It is just magical and filled with delightful moments and surprises! I was enchanted by the first book in this series Cotswolds Memoir: Discovering a Beautiful Region on Britain on a Quest to Buy a 17th Century Cottage, too. Again, in this book, the author writes with such visual poetry that not only can I see the picturesque places that she writes about in my mind's eye but I can imagine myself right there. This author's journey is described with great skill as she weaves together her explorations of this wonderfully scenic area, including side trips to the Downton Abbey film locations and other beautiful parts of the Cotswolds, with her quest to build on to her cottage. Her mishaps are so comical and her frenzied struggles to make it all come out right mean the story races along, making for an exciting read. One minute Diz is dashing from the Cotswolds to Hollywood having hilarious adventures as she takes every showbiz job she can to fund the costs of the extension to her cottage the next she is back and cooking for the builders, who have become family, in between coping with a collapsing piggery. Some of the very enjoyable characters from the first book reappear to give a hand along with half the village in the end. This book is really a souvenir of the Cotswolds as there are many gorgeous color photos by Diz's husband Randall Montgomery including one with a rose-bedecked trellis seat set in the lush green foliage of her cottage garden. I look forward to the next book in this series and perhaps one day sitting on that garden seat with a blissful smile and a cup of delicious tea!! LOVE THIS BOOK!

I have just been on a fantastically interesting vacation without going anywhere further than my armchair. Reading More Cotswolds Memoirs is a you-are-there experience. I particularly liked the delightful pocket history of the historic sites, as well as the interesting, funny, not to mention nail-biting, epic of the author's attempt to navigate local building preservation rules when she and her husband, Randy, attempt to expand their 17th Century cottage. Despite anxieties, Diz White's inimitable voice remains vivid and joyous as she takes us to every corner of the region, sampling for us the beautiful vistas and fascinating historic sites for which the area is so justly famous. Equally fascinating are the reclamation sites that Randy discovers, looking for materials so essential to the rebuild that must satisfy the eagle-eyed preservation authorities. More Cotswold Memoirs delicately shines a fascinating beam on why the English countryside, particularly the Cotswolds, remains so beautiful - the answer is its well thought through conservation policies. Help, with a sprinkling of terror at what must be

accomplished, arrives in the discovery of the Listed Property Owners Club, created to guide cottage owners through the process of correctly renovating these wonderful ancient dwellings. Not at all technical, both hilarious and occasionally heart stopping, and after many hiccups and near-disasters, all ends well, as it should. Reading this book and seeing the remarkably beautiful color photos, with some well placed candid celebrity shots, will doubtless inspire many a reader visit this timeless part of England. Should they do so, I hope they will not neglect to pack More Cotswold Memoirs. In its pages they will find a treasure map of many of the spectacular Downton Abbey locations used in the eponymous television series. The appetite they undoubtedly will work up on their visits will be more than satisfied by the well-researched Visitor Guide at the back of the book showing the best value places to eat, as well as many other helpful suggestions such as places to stay, local trips and other uniquely Cotswoldian activities. Ms. White's love for her subject shines through everything.

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