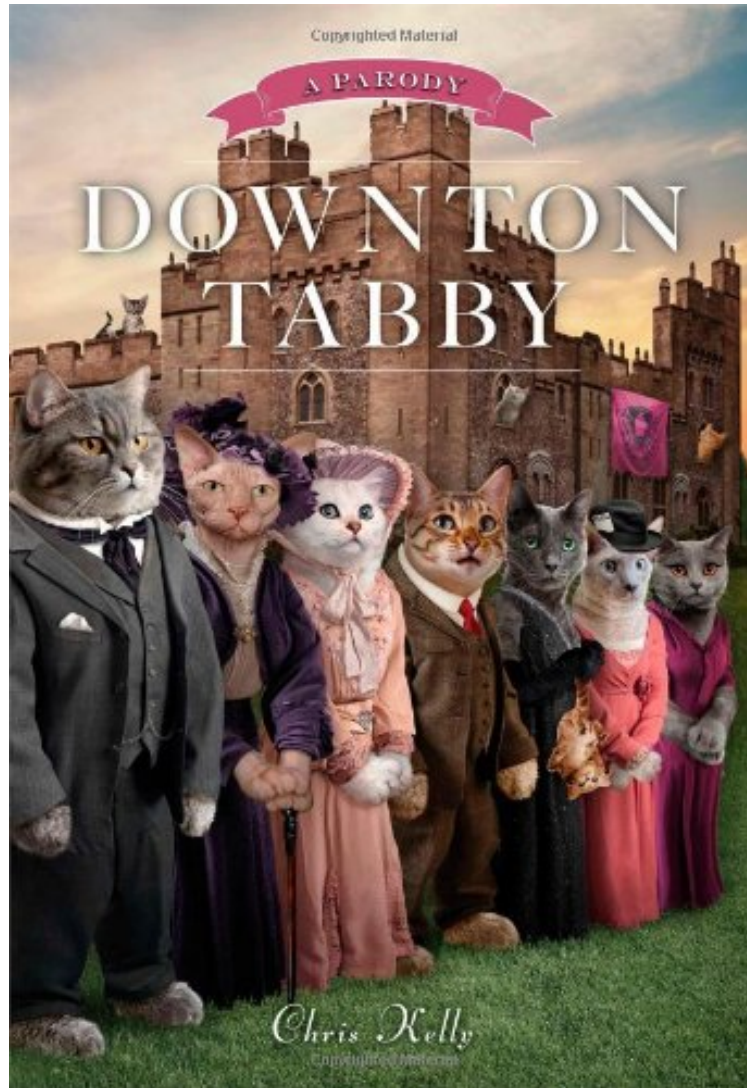


## Downton Tabby

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**Chris Kelly : Downton Tabby** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Downton Tabby:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Cute and funny pastiche of the Downton craze! By Ruth Anderson I love Downton Abbey and I ADORE cats, so Chris Kelly's recently released parody was a no-brainer for me. This slim volume condenses three seasons of the popular costume soap, following the upstairs and downstairs antics of turn-of-the-century England's feline population through the sinking of the Titanic to the aftermath of the Great War. The double-page photographic spreads, reenacting key scenes from the series with a distinctly catty thread is worth the

purchase price alone (I'm particularly fond of Mattmew Clowder and Thomas Farel -- the latter the "handsome but evil First Footcat" -- preparing to dine on rat in the Verdun trenches -- it's not as gross as it sounds, ha!). Peppered between the photos and history "lessons" are sections like "Uninvited But Necessary Words from the Dowager" and "How to Keep a Secret at Downton Tabby" (i.e., why bother?). A cute and clever Downton pastiche, Downton Tabby is a nicely-designed, humorous read sure to bring a smile to the face of cat lovers and costume drama aficionados alike. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Terrific, hysterical book; abominable delivery service. By Dr. Robin C. Halprin. Hysterically funny for those who have adored Downton Abbey from start to finish and mourn that the season is over. Even funnier if one knows the Downton material well. A significant drawback is the the obscure delivery company the merchant chose. They couldn't find Silver Spring, MD, after several tries, and the book initially ended up in Bowie. Disappointing, as it was intended as a sip rise for a Downton aficionado, and she had to become repeatedly involved in the delivery process, remaining home and wasting several days while the incompetent delivery people scratched their butts screwed up. Book: terrific. Ease of purchase delivery: atrocious unacceptable. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A GIFT TO 9 FRIENDS WHO LOVE THE TV SHOW. By R. A. Dunlap. I needed a really special gift for 9 really special friends....who love the TV series and WINE !The book is perfect for those with a witty and slightly twisted sense of humor and a love for a play on words !Not every one would "get the tongue in cheek " !One would have to know about Blanche in A STREET CAR NAMED DESIRE.....TO GET ONE REFERENCE.OF COURSE THE MAGGIE SMITH CAT...COMES OFF WITH THE BEST LINES, JUST AS SHE DOES ON THE TV SERIES.I gifted it with a bottle of blanc DOWNTON ABBEY WINE in a upscale leopard pleather wine carrier !!Leopard.....cat....get it ??I ordered the book sight unseen and read it to myself wondering..... will this be as funny as i hope orwill i have 9 copies of a book for Goodwill ?? But too busy LOL !!!KUDOS....it did not disappoint !The art work was also fascinating , since i look at minute~ details in everything.....so the clothing of the "cats" and expressions were priceless.

A parody of the worldwide television phenomenon Downton Abbey, with cats. Welcome to Downton Tabby Here, the aristocrats of the animal kingdom dwell in stately splendor, sleeping, grooming, sleeping some more, and being fed by their downstairs cats, unaware that their way of life—providing work for others—is about to be swept away by the tides of history . . . and runaway cars. The fur will fly. This humorous parody provides essential information for preserving their Golden Age, including How to Keep a Secret at Downton Tabby, How to Argue with Lord Grimalkin About His Most Deeply Held Beliefs, and some Uninvited but Necessary Words from the Dowager.

"Hilarious." (Dallas Morning News)"Downton Tabby brilliantly substitutes cats for human aristocrats." (Tampa Bay Times)"The Dowager Countess is certainly known for her wicked witticisms, but in the hands of comedy writer Chris Kelly . . . the claws really come out." (Contra Costa Times)About the AuthorChris Kelly writes for HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher. He won an Emmy for his work on Michael Moore's TV Nation. He's been an editor at Spy and the National Lampoon, a staff writer for the Late Show with David Letterman, head writer at Politically Incorrect, and a writer/producer on a half dozen network situation comedies, some long-running and some that barely aired at all.Excerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.Downton Tabby Introduction ENGLAND UNDER EDWARD VII. A time of romance and leisure, grace and elegance. The cats of this enchanted era never imagined that it could all come to an end. How could they? They were cats. Here in this pretty world, gallantry took its last bow . . . Here was the last ever to be seen of knights and their ladies fair, of master and of servant . . . Look for it only in coffee-table books, for it is no more than a dream remembered. A civilization gone to the dogs.