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Cordially invites you to a talk by

**Carol Wallace**

Co-author of the highly acclaimed book

*To Marry an English Lord*

**The Inspiration for Julian Fellowes'  
Downton Abbey**

Thursday, January 8, 2015  
6:30 pm

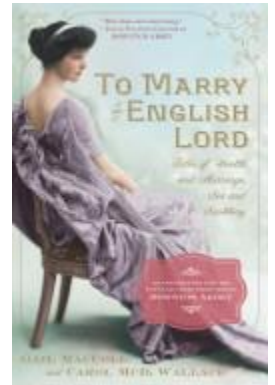
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Author Carol Wallace

When Julian Fellowes was approached to create the now world-acclaimed TV series *Downton Abbey*, he was reading Gail MacColl and Carol Wallace's book, which he called "a marvelous and entertaining study of the American girls who came over to England, mostly between 1890 and 1914, to marry into the British aristocracy." *To Marry an English Lord*, which was first published in 1989 and has been reissued for *Downton Abbey* fans, explores both the glamour and the misfortune that greeted some 100+ newly-minted American heiresses who, having been snubbed by the Social Register, invaded Great Britain to swap dollars for titles.

Carol Wallace has collected photographs and anecdotes into a lively and gossipy talk and PowerPoint presentation. Her talk will be followed by a reception with wine and light refreshments.



Carol Wallace has written 21 books, including, most recently, her historical novel *Leaving Van Gogh*. Previous titles have included humor, parenting, and social history. In 2006 Wallace received a M.A. in art history from Columbia University. The research for her M.A. thesis provided the foundation for *Leaving van Gogh*. A 1977 graduate of Princeton University, Wallace lives in New York. She blogs at <http://carolwallace.wordpress.com>

Admission: \$15.00 for members; \$30.00 for nonmembers.

National Patrons are invited to enjoy a private Champagne Reception with the author in the Executive Director's office at 6 pm, prior to the talk.

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