

The Fatal Flying Affair: 7 : Kinsey, T E By birchovervillage.co.uk The characters are unreal the relationship between Lady Hardcastle and Flo is weird they are supposed to be friends and co protagonists yet Flo still acts as maid and performs the most subservient activities for her mistress. Emily Hardcastle and her inimitable lady's maid Florence Armstrong are enjoying a fine summer until Harry Lady H's brother turns up out of the blue with a mystery for them to solve. Can Lady Hardcastle find the culprit before someone else falls down dead? The Fatal Flying Affair: 7 : Kinsey T E



Nothing is likely to stop unflappable Lady Hardcastle and fearless Flo Armstrong...well unless it involves cows - 5 Stars So much more than 'just another cosy mystery' it's hard to know where to begin to do this seventh book in the Lady Hardcastle series justice. In this adventure the unlikely but highly efficient 'righters of wrongs' find themselves involved with espionage murder and the trickier task of ensuring the annual village show goes off without a hitch. And as always the author includes enough geographical and historical references which might or might not be slightly manipulated to keep even the most ardent quiz fan happy for hours. Overall: Exceptionally entertaining but if you've not read any of the Lady Hardcastle mysteries please do consider starting with 'A Quiet Life in the Country' - Honestly which were able to be hung \*outside\* the basket but no pilots had them. It led to a horrifying choice if the aircraft caught fire in combat to jump or to stay? Admittedly most pilots would not have actually fitted in an aircraft with the early bulky parachutes hence them being issued only to balloons. There are sadly only two airship hangars left why were they not made listed buildings? and they are awesomely huge but I never thought of them in terms of elephants which was brilliant! I did not put this about the last book but it holds true for both. I did some of it in school history and at one time due to some of the alliances we had signed Britain and the Netherlands could have been at war with Portugal over them attacking Greece or some equally ludicrous scenario. I would expect the below stairs servants to be ignorant of the correct pronunciation but not these characters and am surprised that the narrator and/or producers did not research & correct this error. (And if Lady H & Flo ever venture to Scotland and to the original home of the Stone of Destiny I would hope that they would also know that the place name with the same spelling as the above edible item is pronounced Skoon. Hopefully if they do they will keep to the original plots if they do go off at a tangent I would also hope that in keeping with the like of Midsomer Murders and Vera they still stick to the basic premise. Something else I also love is the historical aspect of the writing; the little bits of detail and snippets of information all add up to a very enjoyable and entertaining read my lovers:

This series is just too good to miss any books out. English I used to like these stories but they are becoming increasingly lightweight: There is a lot of padding because the story line was fairly flimsy. I shall continue to read these books but I would like them to return to the standard of the earlier works in the series English ...entirely accurate, Barrage balloon crew were issued with parachutes.

August 1911. A routine parachute test at a local aeroplane factory has gone horribly wrong—with pilot Dickie Dupree plummeting to his death. Harry is certain there is to this 'tragic accident' than

meets the eye having discovered that someone at the airfield is leaking top secret intelligence to foreign rivals: In between strolls to the Dog & Duck and planning for the annual village show the daring duo dust off the Crime Board and go undercover at Bristol Aviation: With international powers investing heavily in aeronautics the stakes are high—sky high—and the suspects soon mount up. A seamless blend of detective fiction with Wodehouse style humour it's an absolute treat from start to finish: Of all the wonderful aspects to this book it is once again the skilfully portrayed relationship between Lady Hardcastle and Flo that is the highlight for me. Flo's adoration and desire to protect Lady Hardcastle comes across with a degree of propriety that one wouldn't expect from the most loyal of maids, That her respect and admiration is clearly reciprocated (and the title of 'Companion' was mutually rejected) just adds to the fascination. Mick Mannock who tragically died in flames actually carried a pistol specifically to shoot himself in those circumstances: In America particularly there was a feeling that pilots might use the parachute if attacked and not fight. Even nowadays aircraft escapes can cause horrific injuries but lives are mostly saved, Anyway this book is set in a kinder version of this time. This apart a great book! My father was a pilot and most of it is unimpeachable, Not only is the pre WW1 book less prevalent than the "Golden Age" but it is a fascinating time. So it's a fascinating time and Britain's enemies could be any number of nations and even our friends would have liked to have stolen a march on us. And most of Europe related to Victoria and Albert families eh? Anyway awesome book but I had to put in a word for the pilots, English I've read all the Lady Hardcastle books (except the most recent which I am just about to start) and have thoroughly enjoyed every one of them. Yes they are somewhat far fetched and some might find them silly but sometimes we need some light relief and these books certainly provide this in abundance: I think of them as an early 20th century Midsomer Murders (and therefore perfect for anyone who enjoys that particular TV series): I decided to listen to the Audible versions and have not been disappointed Elizabeth Knowelden's narration is spot on: Except for one bit in this bookA titled lady her brother and a lady's maid of 17 years experience would have known that scone should be pronounced skon and not skoan, )Leaving that apart and consequently not deducting any stars from my rating for this slight error all the books are both an enjoyable read AND an entertaining listen: I can recommend the whole series and give every book five stars, I just keep hoping that some enterprising TV producer decides to dramatise this series of books. I would really look forward to watching the episodes if that ever happens. English I was really look forward to reading the latest escapades of Lady Hardcastle and Flo Armstrong and I'm happy to say that The Fatal Flying Affair hasn't disappointed. I love the witty banter between the characters especially between the two leads it always makes me smile, I agree with the author's notes at the end that it would be ashamed to lose all the lovely regional and local dialects. Coming from the West Country I still remember 'Ow bist' 'Ow beyon my lover' And 'that's gert lush'. I can't wait to see what scrapes our heroines get into next time. It is not known whether he succeeded. It was a disgrace. As well as such gems as 'I has an ideal'. English.