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“An enchanting story of love and war, and the years beyond.”—Penny Vincenzi, bestselling author of *Wicked Pleasures*

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“The year is 1914 and love and war are about to transform privileged 16 year-old Clarissa's charmed existence forever. This sumptuous romance is made for fans of Downton.”—*The Lady Magazine*

About the Author
Judith Kinghorn was born in Northumberland, educated in the Lake District, and is a graduate in English and History of Art. She lives in England with her husband and two children.

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