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Yes, I have been to see 'Downtown Abbey2: A New Era' at the Red Carpet! One might express this as 'going to the pictures' or 'going to the movies' or 'going to the talkies'. At the time the film is set we went to the Picture House having read about the film in the Picturegoer. Perhaps today 'going to the cinema' is more appropriate, but it was (and still is) a respectable thing to do.

I was taken to the land of make believe whilst being given an extremely accurate picture of the past. I have followed the Crawley family through many years as a high class soap opera, but if I had not had the full background, I perhaps wouldn't have had the full enjoyment.

And I enjoyed it immensely, but if you knew me that would not be surprising. I may not be able to sit down and bury myself in a book, but I can watch it on a screen.

My father and his family could read their way through 'Boots book lover's library'. Do you remember that aspect of Boots the chemist?

My mother's family were the opposite, they followed dutifully every single book about the Royal Family and that was it.

So where does that put you – does it matter – are you on the edge of your seat waiting for the next instalment of Downton Abbey, will it be in the 30's, will it jump the war years?

I feel whatever it is it will be very accurate. I do not think the film I saw yesterday would have been fruitful for those looking for mistakes.

I suppose I am getting back to my old adage - we are all different – that is important, it is what life and living are all about. It's also about sharing, I realise

I share an awful lot about myself in these musings. I hope you have found them a-musing.