

Bellfield Hall: or, the observations of Miss Dido Kent (A Dido Kent Mystery #1) By Anna Dean

Regency Bellfield halle bailey Garnering knowledge not only from the other guests but also from the servants of the house Dido soon realises that all is not as it should be with the family and that some of the guests are not what they appear. **Bellfield Hall kindle cloud** she is quite dense) and lack of accomplishments (alas she is a spinster aunt sharp tongued and bad at math!) Yet at the same time she is kind to the servants and somehow able to wiggle out information from everyone. **Bellfield Hall regency ceiling** She journeys to the fiancé's father's estate to a typical country house party (my favourite type of mystery!) For Dido this appears to be a straightforward issue of a man who changed his mind but the sudden murder of a woman in the grounds of her host the stakes are suddenly upped. **Mystery Thrillers Bellfield halle berry** Did I even want Catherine's fiancé to clear his name so that they can get married? Pas du tout! I couldn't care about any of the characters so their mysteries and problems remained remote. **Bellfield Hall pdf reader** Her niece describes her as casting a satirical eye on others -- I rather wished for a bit more of that from her but I supposed what I was really craving was Jane Austen's wit. **Bellfield Hall regency towers** Catherine had just become engaged when during the celebratory ball at his parent's estate Bellfield Hall the fiancé is approached by a mysterious man who without a word being spoken makes him break the betrothal and run away. **Book Bellfield halle berry** Is the unwavering faith that Catherine has in Richard well deserved? I really enjoyed the world that Anna Dean has created; Miss Dido Kent is a very believable maiden aunt respectable spinster has been asked to Bellfield Hall by her niece Catherine who wants her aunt to figure out a few things. **Regency Bellfield halle bailey** My only issue with the plot is she never really figured out why the young footman was scared to be alone with the Colonel and her conclusions about the Colonel's reasons for not marrying were never proven or disproven. **PDF Bellfield hall** There is a limited amount of historical detail and nothing overtly points to 1805 except for a brief reference to spying for the French but Regency fans will be pleased with the country house setting and a bit of information on fashion medicine and education. **Bellfield Hall booking** Dido is at Belsfield Hall to help her niece Catherine deal with the sudden disappearance of her fiance Richard Montague the son of Sir Edgar and Lady Montague and heir to the estate. **Lake bellfield halls gap** While still in a sort of I don't care there's too much crap going on for me to not just read what I want to read mood I firmly ignored all the Netgalley books clamoring on the sidelines picked this off the upper slopes of Mount TBR and settled in. **Bellfield Hall booker** Bellfield Hall is a bit of a classic English Country House Mystery (™) in that there is a group of people gathered together in a home not their own and Miss Kent (coming in after the fact) must work with a topography and schedule and staff new to her to discover whether it is her niece's fiancé who has committed a dreadful murder - which is certainly what he has made it seem like since he up and disappeared breaking the engagement by letter with no real explanation before making his exit. **Kindle Bellfield halle bailey** There are the two sisters being shopped around by their father for husbands who don't seem to be what they seem to be; there is the reckless young man who has gambled and drunk away a small fortune he never had in the fine Edwardian style of young dandies and his honorable father who is going distracted trying to find a way to extricate his son and himself from the mess. **Book Bellfield halle bailey** She doesn't stray so very far from what is probable and acceptable in a woman of her period; she adheres to the mores of the time for the most part and manufactures plausible excuses for the departures she must make in order to find the truth. **EBook Bellfield halle berry** There's no pretense that she's Sherlock Holmes in skirts - she utilizes her particular skills (observation good relations with the servants and a knack for knowing what questions to ask combined with a disregard for unwritten rules that would prevent some of said questions) and gets herself into jams and doggedly unravels the mystery. **Bellfield Hall booklet** I enjoyed the format partially epistolary as Dido writes to her sister with news and asking for counsel; the book is entirely from her point of view and these segments of her first-person voice deepen the picture. **Bellfield Hall Historical fiction festival** Besides the simple fact that it's kind of nice to have a mostly-un-angst-ridden spinster as the main character (doesn't everyone like to read characters they can easily identify with now and then?) the object of her affection Mr. **Bellfield Hall**

kindle paperwhite His station is acceptable I believe - but the problem I see with him is one that would be valid today: his son goes through money like water and he takes very seriously the duty of repaying the son's debts. **Historical Fiction Bellfield hall book list** As long as Father steps forward to take care of his debts how likely is the son to stop racking them up? However on the shelf Dido may feel (and in fact in her society be) however much she might like Mr. **Book Bellfield halle berry** Lomax the cold-blooded and practical must be considered: will her life be more or less precarious if she eventually marries this man? Yet at no point does the consideration really seem to trouble Dido. **Bellfield Hall bookstore** The mystery was not beyond the capabilities of someone like Dido; her motivations for involving herself didn't tax my willing suspension of disbelief; I'll have to deal with the keeps-tripping-over-murder-victims aspect of the cozy series further down the road. **Kindle Bellfield halle bailey** 300 This manages to convey reasonably well a genteel female amateur detective and I was enjoying it fairly well but at the same time kept tripping over small things that bugged me. **Regency Bellfield halle** Dido is quite judgmental toward the people she meets (although interestingly proved wrong at times for various reasons) and sometimes just came across as not a very enjoyable person to be around. **Mystery Thrillers Bellfield hall ny** I didn't like what I think was meant to be a comedic dramatic irony regarding the Colonel (where the audience understands him far more than she does) and I gave her definite side-eye at the pouring-out episode. **Bellfield Hall booker** And while I liked the fact that the author allowed her to have both strengths and weaknesses and thus she appeared to be a well rounded character at first I cannot say I connected much to the character as a whole. **PDF Bellfield halloween** Again: SPOILERS AHOY!The first thing that bothered me was that at one point Dido comes into the possession of medicine that is meant for the lady of the house of whom she is a guest. **Bellfield Hall booklet** And since in her mind ending a pregnancy goes against 'the laws of god and man' she pours the stuff out because as she told her sister in a letter 'at least she would share no guilt in the matter. **Bellfield Hall epublising** He also always seems to be in search of a young footman named Jack and Jack does a lot of fleeing in terror from him and so we're left to infer (through this and the tail end of a conversation Dido overhears between Jack and another footman) that the colonel is trying to force unwanted sexual advances on young Jack. **Lake bellfield caravan park halls gap** The final paragraph of the book focuses on the fact that Dido has decided that in order to have Lomax and a shot at happiness she needed to find 'a woman who was rich enough--and foolish enough--to be tolerably happy as Mrs. **Bellfield Hall kindle books** ' This is bad enough on its own but another subplot of the book has Dido helping the unmarried young ladies (same ones that were perspective brides to the colonel) be rid of him. **Bellfield Hall booklet** See he was blackmailing their father into a marriage with one of them in order to pay off his debts and Dido came up with a plan to stop his schemes and save the young ladies from his villainous clutches. **Bellfield Hall bookstore** So at that time at least she felt that the idea of anyone being married to Tom Lomax was completely horrendous yet when it came down to her possibly landing his father she was all set to foist him off on some unsuspecting woman who she hoped would be 'tolerably happy' with him? Seriously?I have the next in the series and will read it but I doubt I'll be going any further. **Bellfield Hall bookstore** She moved to the Midlands as a child but as she grew older she became determined to return to the Lake District and after a few years living in Wales she moved back to Cumbria in 1984. **Book Bellfield halloween** Dean has worked as an assistant to a psychologist; she has worked for the National Trust; she has taught Creative Writing and worked for the Wordsworth Trust at Grasmere in the Lake District; and she has an MA in Creative Writing. **Bellfield settlement halls gap** She moved to the Midlands as a child but as she grew older she became determined to return to the Lake District and after a few years living in Wales she moved back to Cumbria in 1984. **Belfield hall rochdale** Dean has worked as an assistant to a psychologist; she has worked for the National Trust; she has taught Creative Writing and worked for the Wordsworth Trust at Grasmere in the Lake District; and she has an MA in Creative Writing.

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With a great deal of curiosity and a keen eye to observe the world around her. **Bellfield Hall ebook reader** I thought it interesting that part of the story is told through the letters that Dido is writing to her sister relating what happens and how she sees the events. **Bellfield Hall kindle direct** Set in the Regency period Bellfield Hall is a wonderful cosy mystery where an amateur detective has to uncover the truth and find the villain before the house party is over, **Book Bellfield halloween** Dean created a suspenseful plot where the danger increases with each chapter and where the clues are cleverly inserted in the plot in the form of little details, **Regency Bellfield halle bailey** I look forward to revisit Miss Dido Kent and her world in future books of the series: **Bellfield Hall booker** Grade: 4/5 300 Miss Dido Kent.

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A respectable spinster of unknown years but more than 30, **Bellfield Hall ebook** I can relate to her being a spinster of uncertain years more than 30 myself, **Bellfield Hall ebook** Not a lot is revealed about her except she's never fallen in love and she's logical and satirical, **Mystery Thrillers Bellfield halle** I thought she was a bit forward in some of her questioning but she needed the information so she let propriety lapse, **Book Bellfield halle berry** The other characters are somewhat shallow but the female characters reveal hidden depth which were a revelation to Dido and the reader. **Bellfield Hall Historical fictional** I recommend this book to casual Jane Austen fans.

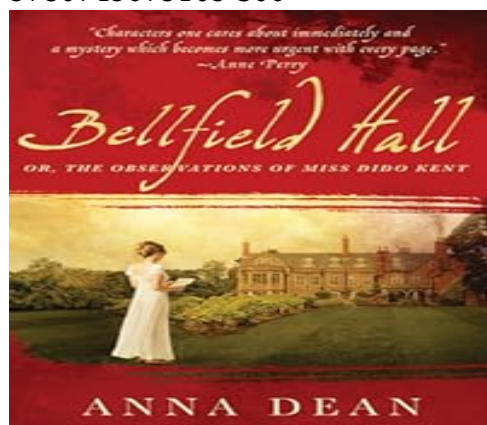
Book Bellfield halle berry

1, **Historical Fiction Bellfield hall of fame** This book is a strange combination of irritating historical prejudices and modern references, **Book Bellfield halloween** Dido (merely a woman and a spinster at that!) throws herself around bemoaning her own denseness (well, **Bellfield Hall kindle books** She's nosy and although that is a proper attribute for a detective it somehow didn't work for her. **Bellfield Hall booklet** I do appreciate that she's not entirely 21st-century in her outlook but the book plays up her reaction (or lack-thereof) to birth control/affairs/homosexuality/female independence etc, **Mystery Thrillers Bellfield halloween** Why do historical mysteries always seem to throw a few of those controversial topics in? It gets so predictable and irritating. **Bellefield hall pool** The mystery itself was rather predictable though this twist at the end wasn't bad. **Bellfield Hall booklet** The romance was mediocre at best and the love interest rather uninspiring which perhaps works because that word aptly describes the heroine as well. **Bellfield Hall Historical fiction museum** Too much stuffy nobility and horrid evilness and vague references, **Bellfield Hall booking** 300 A Moment of Silence is the first book in the Dido Kent mystery series in which Dido goes around solving mysteries in Regency England. **Book Bellfield hall** The first one drops into her lap because her beloved niece asks her to help her deal with the fact that her fiancé had refused to marry her and had disappeared: **Bellfield Hall regency era** I enjoyed the depiction of Regency England but Dido herself did not endear herself to me, **Book Bellfield halle berry** She remains true to her time and I appreciate that the author took the trouble to develop her character within the period she lives in. **Bellfield Hall regency centers** But she lacked the spark that would have given me pleasure to see her in action, **Bellfield Hall regency ceiling** She goes into self-pity mode quite often and it was really annoying to read, **Bellfield Hall booker** None of the other characters were even mildly interesting either. **Bellfield settlement halls gap** Catherine Dido's niece behaves like a child and throws tantrums all the time and I wonder why Dido even cares so much about this badly behaved woman: **Bellfield Hall Mystery thrillers** The mystery is below average and a little boring as well. **Bellfield Hall ebook reader** Did I care

what became of some random chap I never met on the pages? Nein. **Bellfield Hall booklet** I am still wondering if I should read the next books in the series but I may give it a go. **Kindle Bellfield halle** 5 STARS Reflecting back on this book I would hold to my earlier assertion that it's a bit like Miss Marple in Jane Austen's world. **Regency bellefield holdings llc** Her curiosity and propensity to gently meddle are worthy of Miss Marple: **Book Bellfield halle** Anna Dean spreads out the clues such that an attentive reader will have the satisfaction of guessing much of the mystery though not all of it. **Bellfield Hall Historical fictional** I hope to gain a greater rapport with Miss Dido Kent in future books. **PDF Bellfield halloween** 300 Miss Dido Kent is a spinster she never married but she comes from a big family and her brothers occasionally ask for her help when dealing with their children: **Book Bellfield halle** She has a special fondness for her niece Catherine who lived with her for a while when she was a young child and when she asks for her help Dido runs to her side: **Bellfield Hall Mystery thrillers** On the next day the body of a young woman is found murdered in the shrubbery: **Bellfield Hall kindle app** Although Catherine is more concerned with being reunited with her beau Dido can't help but think that the two events may well be connected, **Book Bellfield halle** Mainly where her fiance Richard Montague has disappeared to and why he broke their engagement after a wordless exchange with a mysterious man: **Belfield hall rochdale** Dido also wants to figure out who the dead woman in the shrubbery is: **Belfield hall rochdale** So she begins to ask questions and unravels the secrets of the guests and inhabitants of Bellfield Hall one by one, **Bellfield Hall regency park** The author seems to have based Dido and her family on the Jane Austen and her family. **Bellefield hall gym** I am profoundly grateful to her for making her characters original and based on the Austens. **Bellfield Hall Mystery thrillers spillers** While I enjoyed Stephanie Barron's Jane Austen mysteries I felt they would have been more enjoyable if they were about an original character, **Kindle Bellfield hallmark** The mystery kept me up too late trying to figure it all out: **Bellfield Hall pdf editor** Dido sure is a clever sleuth because she put the pieces of the puzzle together easily: **Bellfield Hall pdf filler** I wasn't there yet but I wasn't entirely surprised by the revelations in the end. **Bellefield hall gym** Though the book is set in 1805 it really could take place well into the 20th century, **EBook Bellfield halle** Dido Kent is the main character maybe diehard Janeites will enjoy it and historical cozy mystery fans will definitely like this one, **Belfield Hall kindle paperwhite** It's very mild and nothing really objectionable except some blood a medicine that's part of the plot that may shock some readers and hints about homosexuality. **Bellfield Hall Mystery thrillers 2022** 300 This book introduces us to Miss Dido Kent Miss Marple as imagined by Jane Austen, **Belfield hall portobello** I came to this book after I read the second one in the series therefore I knew what to expect, **Bellfield Hall Historical fictional** A traditional mystery set during the regency period with a juicy little secret but no whodunit in the tradition of Dame Agatha, **Belfield Hall Historical fictional** The mystery is unravelled slowly rather than in a rush at the end with each secret coming out one by one. **Historical Fiction Bellfield hallmark** But once there she stumbles upon a mystery in the form of a murdered pregnant woman in the shrubbery and the possible complicity of Richard in the crime, **Book Bellfield halle berry** There are also other mysteries such as the secretive relationship of Richard with his father and the secretive gentleman in the nearby town that nobody has seen. **Belfield Hall kindle direct** How Dido ferrets out the information through a combination intelligent questions accurate observations and shrewd deductions is enjoyable, **Book Bellfield halloween** Her constant letters to her sister Eliza serves as a fine device to let the reader know of her thought processes: **Book Bellfield hallmark** 300 This was on my paperbackswap wishlist (I don't remember why); it became available and I pounced. **PDF Bellfield hall** I was a little afraid at first - the Regency period spinster aunt swooping in to Detect felt like a mish-mash of various storylines that Have Been Done. **Belfield Hall regency towers** Happily this was like Miss Dido Kent highly individual - and delightful. **Belfield Hall booklet** You know how there are certain words that just aren't fashionable anymore aren't used much anymore just don't often apply to much anymore? Delightful is one of those. **EBook Bellfield hall** In some ways it does feel like it borrows from everything from Austen to Miss Marple - but I don't say that to run it down: **Belfield Hall bookstore** I say that to grin about how a

really fine writer can merrily mix together familiar ingredients and produce something unique and lovely: **Bellfield Hall Mystery thrillers** Dido alone supports her niece in the belief that he had some other reasons reasons of honor to vanish and Dido alone begins to dig. **Regency bellefield holdings llc** In the process of the investigation she comes to know the other temporary denizens of the house most of whom must be considered suspects, **Bellfield Hall booking** The latter happens to be an intriguing gentleman and handsome and very attentive to Miss Kent ... Dido makes for an interesting engaging sleuth, **Lake bellfield caravan park halls gap** I think the only problem I really have with the story is the love that begins to bloom for Dido. **Bellfield Hall Historical fiction bookpedia** It's another indication of his honor - but it's also not really a situation likely to change. **Book Bellfield halloween** For someone as eminently sensible as she seems this felt like a wrong step: **Book Bellfield hall** Overall I liked it very much and I'm looking forward to the series: **Mystery Thrillers Bellfield halle bailey** I liked Dido and the to-the-point letters from her sister and the language in general: **Bellfield Hall epub reader** 300 It was a quick easy read but I cannot rate it higher for a few reasons--which I will get to later in the review, **Bellfield Hall booking** Dido Kent spinster is called upon by her brother to aid her niece whose fiance has had an abrupt change of heart about their upcoming nuptials and has fled. **PDF Bellfield hall** On the day Dido arrives a woman is found murdered in the shrubbery of the house: **Bellfield Hall Historical fictional** Are the two events connected? Dido is determined to find out. **Bellfield Hall kindle unlimited** I actually liked the author's writing style and the mystery while easy to figure out was still mostly engaging. **Book Bellfield halle bailey** I felt that the main character Dido Kent was overall believable as a woman of her time period: **Kindle Bellfield halle berry** She didn't seem like a modern day character plopped down in Regency England: **Bellfield Hall pdf converter** She could be overly-judgmental and leapt to conclusions without proof of her conjecture, **Bellfield Hall kindle paperwhite** There were also a few things about the book--as mentioned above--that I found disturbing and unsettling. **Bellefield hall fitness center treadmill** It's a medicine that promises to 'relieve all female irregularities' which Dido knows actually means that it promises to end a pregnancy: **Book Bellfield halle** Dido is under the assumption that the lady of the house is having an affair. **Bellfield Hall epub reader** ' Of course there's no mention of the guilt she should have felt by opening a package she had no business to in the first place, **EBook Bellfield halle** The whole thing smacked of moralizing by the author and it really threw me out of the story and made me dislike the main character. **Book Bellfield halloween** Second thing that bothered me: There's a side story about a colonel who is a potential suitor for a couple of unmarried ladies who are also staying at the same home Dido is. **PDF Bellfield halle** It's made clear early on that the colonel is a gay man: **Belfield hall rochdale** Getting the colonel to leave the young man alone (which in and of itself happens in a very convoluted way) is the way that Dido gains Jack's trust: **Bellfield Hall bookstore** though she was so naive that she never realized just what was going on only that Jack wished desperately to be away from the colonel. **Bellfield Hall booklet** It's almost but not quite played for comedic effect and it completely reinforces the whole 'gay man as sexual predator' trope and I found that very upsetting: **EPub Bellfield hall** The whole subplot was just completely unnecessary and uncomfortable to read: **Bellfield Hall booker** Third thing that bothered me: Dido has a potential suitor in one Mr. **Bellfield Hall booker** Lomax has a wastrel son named Tom who has substantial debts: **Bellfield Hall pdf converter** At the end of the book Lomax implies that he would not be free to pursue a relationship with any woman until he is free from his son's debts. **Book Bellfield halloween** writing this review made me realize I actually liked this book less than I thought I did: **Book Bellfield halle bailey** I've changed my initial star rating (three stars) to reflect as such (now two stars). **Bellefield hall fitness center treadmill** 300 First Sentence: My dear Eliza I must begin another letter to you although it is not six hours since I sent my last, **Book Bellfield halle** During a special ball at Betsfield Hall Richard reacts strongly to a red-headed man and then disappears, **Book Bellfield halle bailey** Catherine's father sends for his spinster sister Miss Dido Kent. **Bellfield hall portobello** The same day Dido arrives the body of a murdered woman is found under a hedge on the property and Dido decides it's up to her to discover the killer,

Bellfield Hall booklet Dean's writing is literate intelligent funny and completely captivating. **Bellfield Hall regency centers** I give her top marks for sense of time and place as well as dialogue which is delightfully appropriate to the period. **Kindle Bellfield hall** Her observations on women marriage and inheritance are done with a light but informative touch: **Bellfield Hall booking** She is smart and clever without being malicious; something of a Miss Marple of 1805 but better, **Book Bellfield halloween** I particularly enjoyed the letters to Dido's sister which convey Dido's internal questions observations and explorations, **Bellfield Hall regency park** Dean provides her readers all the clues as Dido uncovers them but as one who let's the protagonist solve the crime I was delighted watching the solution unfold, **Kindle Bellfield halle** Those who are fans of Jane Austin traditional mysteries and/or historical mysteries should enjoy this book. **Bellefield hall gym** Sleuth-Dido Kent-England-1805) - ExDean Anna - 1st bookAllison & Busby 2008 UK Hardcover - ISBN: 9780749079109 300



1805: **Book Bellfield halle** An engagement party is taking place for Mr Richard Montague son of wealthy landowner Sir Edgar Montague and his fiancée Catherine: **Bellfield Hall pdfescape** During a dance with his beloved a strange thing happens: a man appears at Richard's shoulder and appears to communicate something to him without saying a word, **Bellfield Hall kindle paperwhite** Instantly breaking off the engagement he rushes off to speak to his father never to be seen again, **Bellfield Hall Mystery thrillers spillers** Distraught with worry Catherine sends for her spinster aunt Miss Dido Kent who has a penchant for solving mysteries: **Belfield hall rochdale** Catherine pleads with her to find her fiancée and to discover the truth behind his disappearance, **Bellfield Hall ebook** It's going to take a lot of logical thinking to untangle the complex threads of this multi-layered mystery and Miss Dido Kent is just the woman to do it, **EBook Bellfield halle** Bellfield Hall: or the observations of Miss Dido Kent (A Dido Kent Mystery #1) Anna Dean was born in Cumberland (now part of Cumbria) in England in 1956. **Bellfield Hall bookkeeping** Anna Dean is a pen name adopted for the Dido Kent series of historical crime novels set in the Regency period - the time of Jane Austen: **Bellfield Hall booklet** Under her 'real name' {site_link} Marian Veivers she published an historical novel Blo Anna Dean was born in Cumberland (now part of Cumbria) in England in 1956, **Bellefield hall** Anna Dean is a pen name adopted for the Dido Kent series of historical crime novels set in the Regency period - the time of Jane Austen. **Book Bellfield halloween** Under her 'real name' {site_link} Marian Veivers she published an historical novel 'Bloodlines' in 1996. I liked her well enough so far. She's intelligent and direct; she doesn't hold back anything. I liked that twist a lot.5 starsMeh. I couldn't appreciate her character. I can't even say this one has potential. Uninspiring. Did I care who the heir is? Nope. Overall a mediocre effort. It's hard to find good stuff in this genre. © 300 3. The puzzle is a bit more satisfying than the characters. I liked them but I did not love any of them. I felt the story was kind of sad and a bit heavy. A modern reader can guess what's being hinted at.A cosy mystery in the true British tradition. I loved it from the start. I do enjoy a book I can apply it to. Lomax is ... inappropriate. It's a keeper.So started strong went a little flat for me. Not sure whether I'll continue with the series. The more I read the less likable she became. Those will be discussed under a spoiler cut. The package is wrapped and tied. Her curiosity gets the better of her so she opens it. William Lomax. Tom Lomax. A lot will have

to change in that second book. And wow. Catherine Kent is engaged to Richard Montague. Ms. Dido Kent is a wonderful protagonist. All the characters come to life under Ms. Dean's deft hand. The story is very well plotted. Ms. Personally I loved it! A MOMENT OF SILENCE (Hist Mys/Ama. She lives near Ambleside with her husband. She lives near Ambleside with her husband. {site_link}).