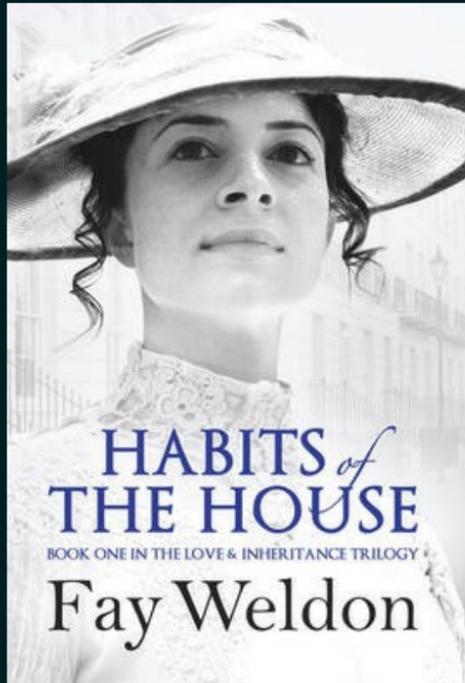


Habits of the House



A recent novel, *Habits of the House*, by Fay Weldon (New York: St. Martin's, 2013), includes two references to Annie Besant:

"The Countess d'Asti . . . had lately revealed herself as an admirer of Annie Besant, an earnest and influential mystic who campaigned for peace between nations, the end of world misery, anti-vivisection and so forth" (p. 80).

"Rosina glared but did not deign to reply when her father . . . teased her by saying that the Hague conference was a frippery inspired by Annie Besant and her friends" (pp. 82-3).