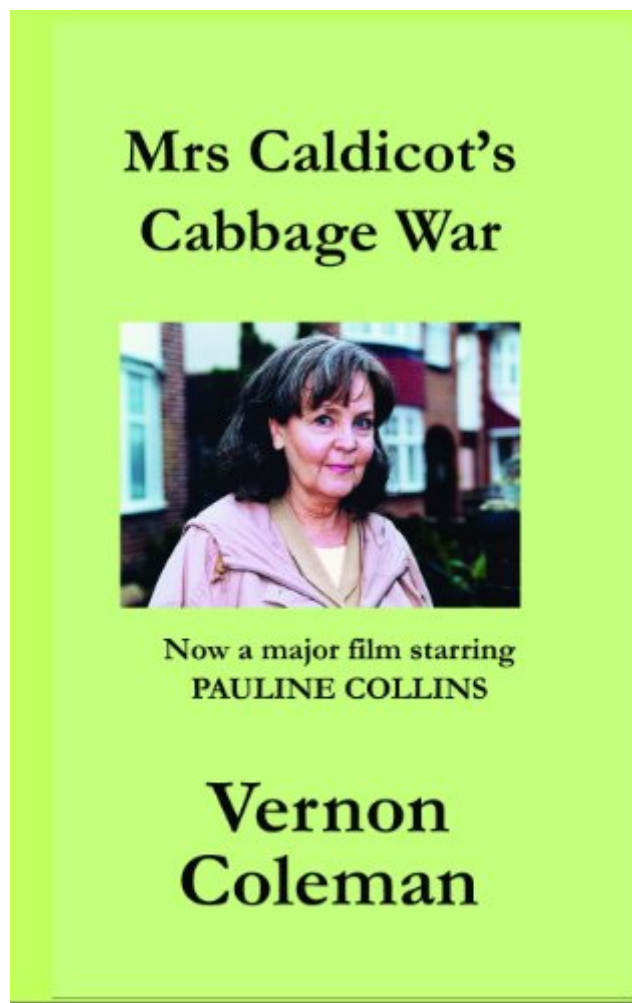


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# Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War



## Synopsis

Mrs Caldicot is a widow who leads a revolution in a depressing nursing home. The novel has been filmed with Pauline Collins as Mrs Caldicot and John Alderton as the nursing home owner. This is the first Mrs Caldicot novel. (The second, which continues the story, is Mrs Caldicot's Knickerbocker Glory.) Both book and film have been widely praised. The Times described it as 'Funny and poignant'. The Daily Express called it a 'fairytale comedy'. The Daily Telegraph called it 'Funny and poignant and socially relevant'. Cinema audiences stood and cheered at the end when the film was shown. The first of the books and films to see life through the eyes of the older citizen. 'Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War made me laugh out loud. Dr Coleman's lightness of touch and direct prose are all that one could wish for.' - Maxwell Craven in the Derby Evening Telegraph 'Vernon Coleman really captures the personality of Mrs Caldicot. You'll be hooked and won't be able to put it down.' - Newton Abbott & Mid Devon 'Understated British classic.' - Express and Echo 'Funny and thought provoking novel.' - Western Morning News 'Funny and poignant...about a woman who decides to fight back, transforming the lives of those around her.' - The Times '...typically understated British classic.' - Express & Echo 'Humour, pathos and sympathy.' - Evening standard 'Witty, poignant and beautifully written' - Western Mail '...a little British comedy with a big heart.' Financial Times

The author, Vernon Coleman, is a qualified doctor who has written over 100 books - many of which have appeared on bestseller lists. His books have sold over two million hardback and paperback copies in the UK and been translated into 24 languages. There is a list of his other novels on his author site. Bestselling non-fiction books include Bodypower. He is also the author of How to Stop Your Doctor Killing You.

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Humorous but serious, this book takes an emotionally stifled married woman into widowhood and beyond into rallying a retirement home into revolt. Is supposed to have been made into a film featuring Pauline Collins, it hardly seems possible she should play an elder person yet, but the book also suggests one is only as old as one makes themselves.

This is a feel good book. Mrs. Caldicott was downtrodden by her overbearing husband and then again by her son. She learned to speak up for herself, and along the way helps other older people. I hope to read more by Mr. Coleman.

Being about the age of the heroine, I enjoyed the author's understanding of the feelings and hopes of an older woman, even though he's a man. There was a lot of insight and warmth about the other characters, as well. I really enjoy the books by Vernon Coleman - always gently humorous, humanistic and honest.

I loved this book and the main character especially. She was a suppressed wife who was released from that situation and became an angel unawares to many of the people in her surroundings and changed their lives. A real lift to the reader's spirits. At least it was to mine. I plan on reading more of this author's books for sure.

Are there people in their 60's that allow their family to put them in a home? I found the book very well written and admire Mrs. Caldecott for finding a life after the death of a boring husband.

A very enjoyable, story. I enjoyed the way the powers that be and the white collar crooked people, of whom I'm sure there are plenty around, are being targeted. Mrs Caldicot's feisty character is so endearing. A great read for everybody who enjoys a good storyline and a good laugh.....

A sad story to start but wonderful and moving and funny all through. Mrs Caldicot's family were mean and cold to her but she and all her friends triumphed in the end. This was a really fun read.

I am enjoying this book very much. Vernon Coleman has a way with his story telling. I hope to eventually own most of his books. I recommend this very highly.

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