

Louis XIV: A Life of Power and Excess



By Bryony Lavery

Louis XIV, known as the "Sun King," ruled France for an unprecedented 72 years, from 1643 to 1715. During his reign, France became the dominant

power in Europe, and Louis XIV himself became one of the most famous and influential monarchs in history.



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In her captivating biography, *Louis XIV: A Life of Power and Excess*, Bryony Lavery paints a vivid portrait of this complex and contradictory king. Louis XIV was a brilliant military strategist who led France to victory in numerous wars. He was also a ruthless tyrant who suppressed his own people and revoked the Edict of Nantes, which had granted religious toleration to Protestants. Louis XIV was a devout Catholic who spent lavishly on the construction of magnificent palaces and churches. He was also a notorious womanizer who had numerous mistresses and illegitimate children.

Lavery's book is based on extensive research, and she draws on a wide range of sources to create a well-rounded portrait of Louis XIV. She paints a vivid picture of his childhood, his education, and his early years as king. She also provides a detailed account of his military campaigns, his political reforms, and his personal life.

Louis XIV: A Life of Power and Excess is a fascinating and insightful biography of one of the most important figures in French history. Lavery's engaging prose and meticulous research bring Louis XIV to life, revealing his complex and contradictory character. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in history, biography, or the human condition.

Reviews

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"A brilliant and insightful portrait of Louis XIV. Lavery's book is a tour de force of historical scholarship and a must-read for anyone interested in French history." - **The Wall Street Journal**

"A captivating and well-written biography of one of the most enigmatic and important figures in European history. Lavery's book is a must-read for anyone interested in the Sun King or the history of France." - **The Guardian**

About the Author

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