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"Evocative photography and a wealth of detail make the book a visual treat."--"Interior Design"

Marie Antoinette, whose marriage at fifteen made her queen of France before she was twenty, died under the blade of the guillotine in 1793. She has been romanticized as the martyred queen, admired as the personification of eighteenth-century French royal style, and vilified as the Austrian whose frivolous extravagance and foreign sympathies fired the French Revolution.

This book turns aside from the official portraits and great historical events to rediscover the private places and objects that reflect Marie Antoinette's personality and reveal her more directly to our modern gaze. Beautifully photographed by Francois Halard, the rooms and buildings she inhabited are shown here in fascinating detail, from the distinctive fabrics and furnishings to the queen's favorite objects--an amber curiosity, a Chinese lacquer gift from her mother, a porcelain bowl. 123 illustrations, 108 in color.

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Lea says

This book provides a very intimate look into the life of Marie Antoinette by providing a peek into the places she called home and some of the objects she treasured most. I was most interested in the hamlet she built for herself. It looks like a storybook village and illustrates the decadence for which she is probably best known.

Alisa Kester says

Very slender book, but the photographs are gorgeous!

Trejon says

Interesting to see the architecture up close, but the text reads like a high school research paper.

Laura says

I really really liked this book, especially because I'm mildly obsessed with Versailles and M.A. herself.

Anna says

Lovely.

Louis A says

Visually lovely, but very limited in historical material. That said, it filled a tiny hole in my "I always miss France" pit ?

RoseMary Achev says

Read in preparation for Book Club

S says

I loved this book, not for its historic value per-say since there are much better biographies of Marie Antoinette but more for the stunning presentation. short & enjoyable

Anna Gibson says

A nice book, but not very satisfying. Most of the pictures are pretty to look at, had a nice composition, and were reprinted well... but there wasn't too much that was new or something that hasn't been seen before. The text was sparse, occasionally inaccurate, but I suppose it makes for a nice photography book if you can find it for a good price and are interested in any views of Marie Antoinette's "world."

Jodi says

What is there not to like? Succinct history of the life of Marie Antoinette through well-chosen objects and places. Four stars out of five, just because some of the pictures were a bit too artsy, leaving off parts of the object and/or building. While the photos are to be admired, for a history of objects, it would have been nice to see them in entirety.

Subrina Anderson says

Really love this book. It will definitely be inspiring some projects in my home. I love a lot of the decorative designs, colors, and textures.

Lois says

Love it!

Robby says

Enjoyed this one. Visually it is very satisfying. The photographs are of high quality. I spotted a few inaccuracies in the text and was a little disappointed to find so little attention paid to the Petit Trianon, yet, would recommend it to anyone interested in the rich history of Versailles and the life of Marie Antoinette at the French court.
