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# A Day With Marie Antoinette (A Day At)



## Synopsis

Featuring personal correspondence, lavish illustrations, and a wealth of unpublished material, this handsome slipcased volume reveals an intimate portrait of Marie Antoinette, her personal collections, and Versailles. »Marie Antoinette was a mirror of her time. Never has a queen been so passionately admired and adulated, then hunted, vilified, and defamed. Spanning her tragically brief yet passionate life—from the young queen playing a shepherdess on stage, unaware of the turmoil in the capital, to France's guillotined "martyr queen"—the author demystifies the legend, unveiling the woman behind the queen, and the wife and mother behind the sovereign. Readers will experience the palatial luxury of the queen's Versailles by tracing Marie Antoinette's footsteps through the royal residence, as well as discovering her voice through rare letters and encountering little-known works in her private art collection.

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## Customer Reviews

"A Day With Marie Antoinette" by H  ne Delalex is a beautifully crafted, intimate look at the life and legend of Marie Antoinette as told through the objects, places and people that defined her story: the furniture, paintings, etchings, lavish rooms and gardens of Versailles where she spent most of her ultimately tragic life are highlighted in this concise, charming overview of Marie Antoinette."

-VIVE LA QUEEN BLOG"

H  ne Delalex follows the breathless and unsettling pace of change set by Marie Antoinette at Versailles, visiting the sumptuous palace interiors that are imbued with her memory, such as the Gilded Cabinet or the Cabinet de la M  ridienne, and the

Queen's Hamlet, still so strongly marked by her presence and determination to break with the conventions of court life. Until that fateful day in October 1789, when she was forced to flee the palace of Versailles, which will always embody the ambivalences of her spirit."-WOMEN'S WEAR DAILY

Hélène Delalex is Heritage Conservation Manager at the Chateau de Versailles. She has curated exhibitions, contributed to numerous books, and appears regularly on television history programs in France. Francis Hammond's photographs have been published in Martha Stewart Living, Elle Decoration, and Historic Houses of Paris (2010), Versailles: A Private Invitation (2011), Entertaining in Grand Style (2013), and A Day at Versailles (2013).

The author matches her scholarship of Marie Antoinette with a most sumptuous presentation. The book comes with a gorgeous case, the artwork makes you wish you were the artist, the research is fascinating. She includes pictures of their firstborn's layette chest!! just want to go and make some rich hot chocolate and sit on the porch for days soaking up the inspiration from this book. Job well done.\*The author, Hélène Delalex, is the heritage conservation manager in charge of the collections of the coach gallery at Versailles.

An absolutely beautiful book -- filled with gorgeous graphics and artwork chronicling Marie Antoinette's 18th century France and Versailles. I really enjoy looking at home decor, furniture, and fashion from this time period -- and this book is filled with that. All of the photos and artwork have well done captions. Slip cover is a nice touch -- it's very sturdy cardboard and mirrors the artwork on the book cover. I'll now be ordering the other books in this series!

I have found this book to be interesting and thought provoking for any who are interested in Marie Antoinette. It has many lovely pages in it. The case it comes in, is very nice. It makes a wonderful gift. I learned many new things I did not know by reading this book. It arrived without any damage. The book is a fine addition to any library. Many thanks for a great experience.

This is a lovely volume for anyone with an interest in marie antoinette, rococo design, Versailles, or even the fashion of the time. It is beautifully illustrated, and is filled with wonderfully detailed photos of portraits, artwork and locations from the Queen's life in France. A vivid glimpse into the sumptuous life of France's most famous queen.

Beautiful book overall. Haven't read much as I mostly just bought it a coffee table book, but upon thumbing through it, very nice.... Although I'm disappointed that one of the first things I did read was a misprint regarding Marie Antoinette's birthday; it states November 7, 1755 when it is actually November 2, 1755. Still, overall very pretty, beautiful images, which is what I was looking for!

THIS IS A GOOD BOOK, VERY WELL ILLUSTRATED

This is the most beautiful little book. It has a slip case to keep it in and I learned a lot of information about Marie Antoinette. So much inspiration in all of the beautiful illustrations and photos.

Amazing pictures...very high standard and in depth research..it is a must-have fkr Marie Antoinette junkie like me. Still, I wish the book had come with complementary MA-esque gift ...needless to say, its worth it!

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