

The Sun King: Louis XIV at Versailles



Of all the crowned heads of Europe, there was none to match the dignity, grace, and magnificence of Louis XIV, the greatest king in French history. And there was no other palace to match the glory of Versailles at its zenith. From the moment of his accession to power in 1660, Louis took firm control of the reins of power, confounding everyone at court and in bureaucratic circles. And when that power was firmly in hand, he began building what author Nancy Mitford calls the love of his life, Versailles. From its beginnings as a simple hunting lodge for Louis XIII, Versailles went on to become the epitome of the lavish royal residence, the pride of France and the envy of monarchs everywhere. It was a byword for fashionable elegance, courtly manners, and refined taste. It was also a hotbed of deadly political intrigue and sexual politics. In this witty and exciting book, you will hear how Louis kept his aristocratic dandies under his control, how he used his mistresses to his advantage, and how he decided whether or not to legitimize his many offspring. Listen as legendary mistresses Madam de Maintenon and Madam de Montespan engage in a duel of hearts to win the king's favor. Find out how the king managed his incredibly complex household of thousands, and how he ruled the most powerful nation on earth from his heavenly residence. Nancy Mitford has produced a masterpiece of biographical entertainment, certainly one of the most charming, witty, and moving works ever written about Louis XIV and his time. This audiobook also includes a brief prologue by Arthur James Grant, *Louis XIV: A Brief Biography*.

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King Louis XIV of France - Wikipedia This special edition is dedicated to one of Frances greatest monarchs: Louis XIV. FRANCE 24 looks at his extraordinary life and legacy (now **French critics anger as series Versailles about Louis XIV is** On September 1, 1715, four days before his 77th birthday, Louis XIV died of gangrene at Versailles. His reign had lasted 72 years, longer than that of any other known European monarch, and left an indelible mark on the culture, history and destiny of France. **7 Fascinating Facts About King Louis XIV -** The many women of Louis XIV of France are the subject of Antonia Saint-Germain and Versailles: the offices, in effect, of the Sun King, his **Louis XIV - the Sun King: Women** Follow King Louis XIVs reign during Frances classical age, including his AKA: Louis-Dieudonne Nickname: The Sun King: Louis the Great: Louis the Grand Monarch He died in Versailles, France, on September 1, 1715. **The strange death of Louis XIV The Spectator** Louis XIV of France ranks as one of the most remarkable monarchs in history. ways to a more refined, exquisite living - evident from his palace in Versailles. **A banquet for Louis XIV, recreated at the Palace of Versailles Louis XIV - the Sun King: Biography** Known as the Sun King, Louis XIV centralized power in the In 1682 Louis XIV officially moved his court to the lavish palace at Versailles, **Death of Louis XIV, 1715 Palace of Versailles Who was Louis XIV of France? Everything you need to know about** King Louis XIV of French, the Sun King, is known for its exorbitant Court and spectacular events at his palace of Versailles. He was the first of the Bourbon Kings **History of the Palace of Versailles - Wikipedia** On September 1, 1715, King Louis XIV died of gangrene just days shy of it passed from Versailles to the church burial groundshe has since come explore some illuminating facts about the Sun King and his lengthy reign **King Louis XIV of France - Wikipedia** Louis XIV, Frances Sun King, had the longest reign in European history court at Versailles, and fought most of the other European countries in four wars. **Louis XIV - the Sun King: Versailles** Louis XIV (5 September 1638 1 September 1715), known as Louis the Great (Louis le Grand) or the Sun King (le Roi Soleil), was a monarch of the House of Bourbon who ruled as King of France and Navarre from 1643 until his death in 1715. **Louis XIV - the Sun King: The Sun King** Infanta of Spain, daughter of Felipe IV, King of Spain 1621-1665 and Princess Elisabeth de France, Died on in Versailles in the age of 45 years. **Palace of Versailles - Wikipedia** At 28 years old, King Louis XIV of France is in sole command of his kingdom, following Versailles sees Louis XIV grow from a young King into an all-powerful **Love and Louis XIV: The Women in the Life of the Sun King - By** In theory the Sun Kings daily schedule continued during the reigns of Louis XV and Louis XVI, but neither of the later sovereigns could stand the oppressive **Louis XIV - Facts & Summary -** Despite all the work Louis XIV was to complete at Versailles in his own time it was called le Chateau, which means a Gentlemans seat never **9 Things You May Not Know About Louis XIV - History Lists** A portrait of King Louis XIV, the Sun King The show, called Versailles, has also been written by Brits - Dame Helen Mirrens nephew Simon **BBC Two - Versailles, Series 1 - King Louis XIV** The raunchy series, which focuses on the court of Louis XIV, begins in 1667, a year after the death of the Sun Kings mother. Versailles Trailer **Louis XIV the Sun King died 300 years ago today - French Moments** The day after Cardinal Mazarins death, Louis XIV, at the age of twenty three, Louis created a grand and majestic spectacle at the court of Versailles (see Daily Life the myth of himself as the Sun King, the source of light for all of his people, **Louis XIV - King -** Twenty or more not-so-dainty dishes would have been a typical evening repast for Louis XIV of France. To celebrate a show of the Sun Kings **Louis XIV: What France?s Sun King did for art Culture** The Palace of Versailles, Chateau de Versailles, or simply Versailles is a royal chateau in . Initially, Versailles was planned to be an occasional residence for Louis XIV and was . The search for sufficient supplies of water was never fully realised even during the apogee of the reign of the Sun King, as the fountains could **Louis XIV - the Sun King: Absolutism** Louis XIV: What Frances Sun King did for art The centerpiece of his court was the Palace of Versailles, a Baroque symbol of his unlimited **A day in the life of Louis XIV Palace of Versailles** Versailles and its Gardens count among the most prestigious monuments of the worlds artistic heritage and are certainly the finest and most complete **Louis XIV - the Sun King: Louis XIV - the Sun King** Louis XIV, known as the Sun King (le Roi-Soleil) by his admirers, was born in His architectural legacy is best seen at the Palace of Versailles. Louis XIV, c.1701 Louis XIV, the Sun King, was king of France from 16 and widely held to be the greatest monarch of his age. Louis was born on 5 **Versailles: The legacy of Frances famed Sun King, Louis XIV** The strange death of Louis XIV on The Spectator At the beginning of the summer of 1715 Louis XIV A new exhibition at Versailles looks at the elaborate rituals that followed. The Sun King died as he had lived in public. **King Louis XIV and the Chateau of the Sun King at Versailles The** Scandal at

court: Philippe Duc d'Orleans and King Louis XIV in Versailles Credit: BBC We spoke to Greg Jenner, co-presenter of Inside Versailles and consultant to the BBCs .. In numbers Louis XIV - the Sun King **Images for The Sun King: Louis XIV at Versailles** The Palace of Versailles is a royal chateau in Versailles, in the Ile-de-France region of France. By moving his court and government to Versailles, Louis XIV hoped to extract more control of the government from the nobility and to distance .. In the Garden of the Sun King: Studies on the Park of Versailles Under Louis XIV. **real Versailles outraged the Sun King - BBC** For many, the TV drama Versailles is a guilty pleasure - a swashbuckling romp through the private life of the French Sun King, Louis XIV. Ahead