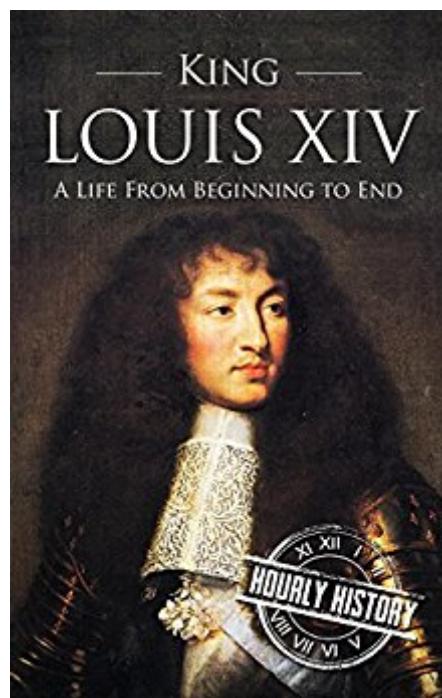


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King Louis XIV: A Life From Beginning To End



Synopsis

King Louis XIV* * *Download for FREE on Kindle Unlimited + Free BONUS Inside!* * *Read On Your Computer, MAC, Smartphone, Kindle Reader, iPad, or Tablet. He was born on September 5th, 1638 in the French lap of luxury otherwise known as the "Chateau de Saint-Germain-en-Laye." This extravagant palace of French excess is located about 12 miles west of Paris. His birth name, "Louis-Dieudonne," is French for, literally, "Gift for God." This belief of divine right, initially inspired by his mother Queen Anne, would be a powerful theme throughout Louis XIV's life. Inside you will read about... "The Conflict of Kings" "War and Marriage" "The Noose Tightens" "The Scorched Earth of Louis XIV" "The Balance of Power" "Louis's Last Stand" "The Death of the King" And much more! Although he didn't create absolutism in France, King Louis XIV seemed to embody the "divine right of kings" better than anyone had before him. Louis XIV directly correlated his own private good with that of the public good. There was really no concept of private property under Louis. The French King viewed all of France as his personal estate, with all who lived and toiled in his domain doing so only under his express permission; even so, not everyone in France had the same sentiment. The ones who most notably resisted the notion of the King's absolutism were the French nobles and aristocrats that Louis depended upon to raise armies and defend the country. Despite his theory of absolutism, this dependence on French nobility to bear arms, gave them increasing autonomy and independence from the King. It was this independence that would one day come to a head, and send Louis, the so-called "Sun King" of divine inheritance, into a full-blown conflict with his own subjects - and the world at large.

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There are rulers who maintain the balance of power, and there are those who try to upset it for their own purposes. Louis XIV of France was one of the latter. He tried to bring all of Europe under his domination. His rule lasted longer almost than any other King in European history. If you enjoy reading about national rulers, history this is a good little work to read. It is a short book the covers Louis and France in the period well.

While I am still hesitant to leave a 5 star review[4.5], I think this short narrative is pretty well done. Being the history buff that I am it always gives me pause to think where we as Americans might have been had the French been victorious after discovery of this new land we now call America. King Louis XIV was no dummy, and during his reign became quite the strong leader. It is funny somehow, however, that part of his doom, or downfall if you like was partly because of nature! Who knows how many more years the French might have exerted influence had this very King not gone down.

An enjoyable overview of the Sun King, who rose from youth, in the House of Bourbon to be the monarch of France and Navarre from 1643 until his death in 1715. We touch upon his days as the Grand Dauphin (Crown Prince) through his coronation and on into his illustrious years as King of France and Navarre. The fact that the book covered his whole life so to speak and did so in a concise and succinct manner allowed them the amazing ability to cram his amazing lifetime into a 1 hour book. This one is VERY HIGHLY recommended.

Very informative. Great information in a condensed format. Showed the violence and justice of King Louis. Very well written.

I just felt it lacked depth about the subject. More like an outline of his life with a lot about him omitted. One can learn more watching one of the several documentaries about his life on YouTube. For a few dollars more, better biographies of Louis XIV are available which go into a lot more depth.

Absolutely charming. The book captures Louis in all his brilliance and in a succinct manner. It is short, yes, but well done and covers his life in an intelligent manner.

An excellent precis of the life of one of the greatest European monarchs. It is straight to the point and summarises his life and achievements perfectly. A cracking read.

Nice concise overview. Thank you

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