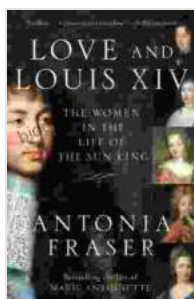


# The Women in the Life of the Sun King: An Enchanting Journey into the Opulent World of Louis XIV

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Françoise d'Aubigné, Marquise de Maintenon, was the governess to Louis XIV's illegitimate children. She became his second wife in a secret ceremony, sharing his private life and influencing his political and religious policies. This chapter explores the enigmatic relationship between Louis and Maintenon, revealing the complex dynamics and profound impact she had on his later years.

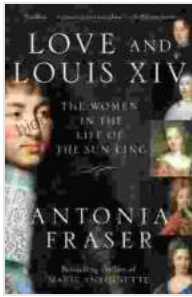
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Beyond the central figures, numerous other women played important roles in the court of Louis XIV. This chapter introduces a diverse cast of characters, including Madame de Sévigné, the celebrated letter writer; Marie Mancini, the enigmatic niece of Cardinal Mazarin; and Louise de La Vallière, the gentle and pious mistress who preceded Madame de Montespan.

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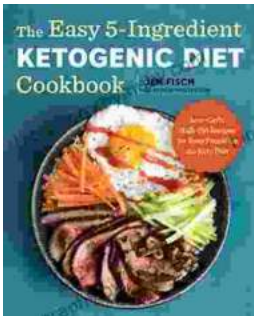


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