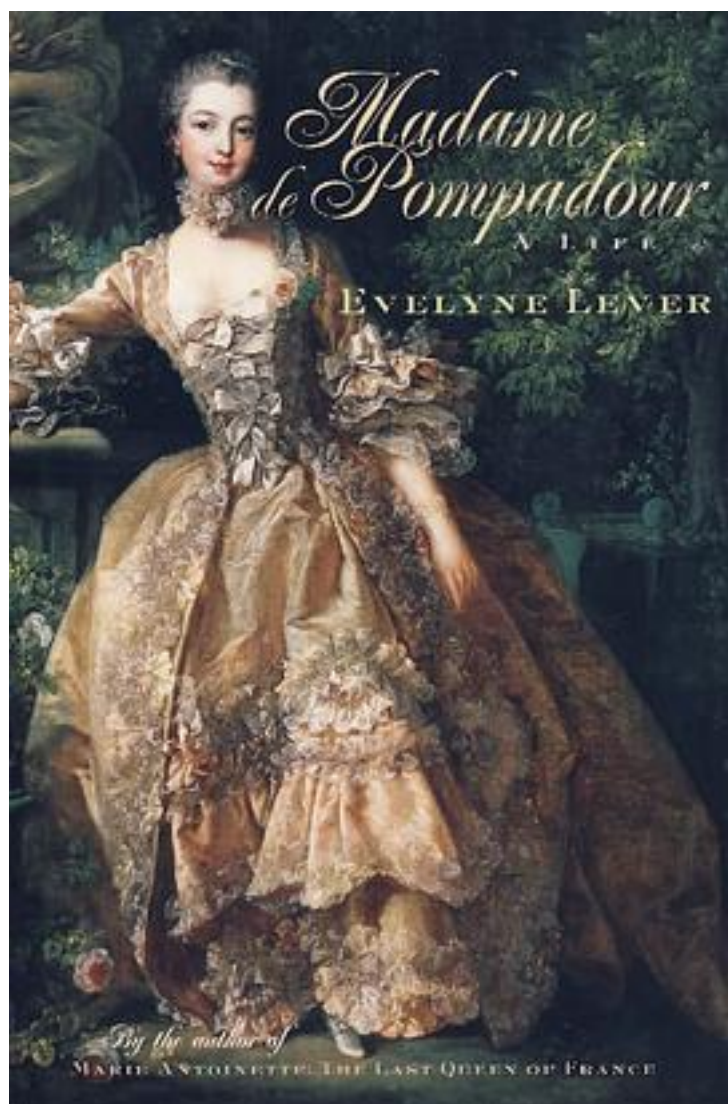


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A compelling new biography of the legendary mistress of King Louis XV of France with dramatic insights into the life of one of the most enchanting, powerful and feared women to grace the world's stage. From her modest beginnings in early 18th-century Paris to her reign as the undisputed mistress of Versailles, this is the story of a truly remarkable woman whose astonishing rise confounded the most experienced and the most sophisticated of her contemporaries. Algrant weaves her richly textured narrative with tremendous authority, detailing the transformations that marked the life of Jeanne-Antoinette Poisson from her early grooming to assume the role of a rich man's wife, her half-hearted marriage to a Parisian tax collector, her involvement with the financial elite of France and her eventual role as the mistress of the king. Although accustomed to the king's extra-marital liaisons, the court was shocked at the sudden ascension of the low-born Madame Poisson. The newcomer, however, wasted no time in establishing herself as the king's sole confidante and, ultimately, his indispensable partner in affairs of state. Algrant takes the reader into the farthest and most exclusive chambers at Versailles, allowing us to glimpse the resourcefulness and the determination with which Madame de Pompadour deftly manipulated the factions at the court. She also illuminates her influence across the artistic and political spectrum of the day, including her relationships with the leaders of the French Enlightenment: Voltaire, Rousseau and Diderot. Evocative and insightful, this is a seductive portrait of one of the most fascinating and influential women of the age.

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所以买下这本书来读，其实只有一个原因，确切说是自己内心的疑惑不解。像蓬巴杜夫人这样有教养，有才学，有品位的女性是如何失宠的呢？相比之下，杜巴莉夫人才是那个应该退出历史舞台的人。在很长一段时间内，我都无法明白，为什么路易会不再宠爱蓬巴杜夫人？答案就在这本传记当中，它并不出乎我的意料，只因为夫人荣华老去。尽管她风韵依旧，可是在生理上已经不能满足荒淫的国王----何况，路易十五并不是有道明君。可是即便如此，夫人还是在宫廷中拥有她的一席之地和崇高的地位，她的言行从上至国王下至大臣侍卫，无时不刻在影响着法国的命运。尽管这种影响并非处处积极，但是夫人留给历史的是无尽的深思。她留下的不仅仅是华丽的画像，也是一个传奇女子

的缜密思维，智慧与才艺。面对宫廷中的勾心斗角，政治场上的尔虞我诈，夫人不断地与之周旋，进

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