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Versailles is the story of an expansive spirit locked in a pretty body and an impossible moment in history. As the novel begins, fourteen-year-old Marie Antoinette is traveling from Austria to France to meet her fianc, the mild, abstracted Louis. He will become the sixteenth Louis to reign in France, and Antoinette will be his queen, hemmed in by towering hairdos, the xenophobic suspicion of her subjects, the misogyny of her detractors, the larger-than-life figures of Mirabeau, Du Barry, Robespierre, and the manifold twists and turns of the palace she calls home. The novel moves from room to room, from garden to fountain, occasionally breaking into playlets in which we glimpse characters struggling to mind their step in the great ballroom of the world. Driving our tour is the relentless engine of time, that friend to youth, for whom anything is possible. Antoinette gives birth to four children, two of whom will outlive her; she falls in love; she dies at the guillotine. A meditation on time and the souls true journey within it, Versailles is at once wittily entertaining and astonishingly wise. Author: Davis, Kathryn Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Versailles: A Novel Pages: 00224 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2002-08-20 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780618221363 Category: Fiction : Historical - General

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