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The British Ambassador's Residence In Paris



Synopsis

This beautifully illustrated book celebrates the British Ambassador's Residence in Paris, one of the most splendid historic homes in the French capital and the most impressive of all British ambassadorial residences abroad. The author, Tim Knox, charts the stirring story of the house, from its origins as the home of the Ducs de Charost, to its opulent heyday under Napoleon's sister, Pauline Bonaparte, Princess Borghese, much of whose luxurious furniture and decoration survives intact. Since 1814, when Pauline sold the house to the 1st Duke of Wellington, the mansion has served as the residence of successive British Ambassadors to France, who altered the house to suit their taste and character, notably Sir Duff Cooper and his beautiful wife, Lady Diana, whose Empire-style study is still redolent of their brilliant social circle in Post-War Paris. This beautiful house in the rue du Faubourg St Honoré, furnished with masterpieces of French Empire furniture and decorative arts, English silver, and paintings by British artists, remains a splendid, but hard-working setting for promoting the Franco-British relationship.

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If you bought the book "Great Houses of Paris" and love it, then this book is a must buy for a more detailed look of one of the house featured in the previous book (Hotel de Charost). Bought from Pauline Bonaparte including the furnishing, the British really hit the jackpot because they contained some of the best example of Empire furnishing/decor.

This book contains an amazing historical account of the former home of Napoleon's sister, Princess Pauline Bonaparte Borghese, complete with historical architectural drawings and beautiful photographs to make a chronograph in pictures and words of a house most people could only experience in the world of books.

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