



Madame De Pompadour s Protege: Henri Bertin and the Collapse of Bourbon Absolutism C. 1750-1792

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Emlyn Publishing, United Kingdom, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 232 x 156 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The political career of Henri Bertin, Madame de Pompadour s protege and favourite of Louis XV, covers the period between the 1750s and 1790s, a period when the European Enlightenment was assuming a global significance and France, as a result of the military debacle of the Seven Years War, was being forced to transfer her European and Imperial pre-eminence to Great Britain. This account of Henri Bertin s involvement, initially as secretary of state to Louis XV and then as the designer of an intellectual and cultural bridge between France and China, provides us with original insights into the cause of the political, socio-economic and cultural crises that altered the balance of world power and precipitated the collapse of Bourbon absolutism, a collapse that led to the Great Revolution of 1789 . The study also focuses upon the more personal events of Bertin s life: the tragic incarceration and eventual death of his elder brother in the Bastille; his relationship with the iconic mistress of Louis XV, madame de Pompadour, including their intimate managerial role in the...



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