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# Empire Style: The Hôtel De Beauharnais In Paris



## Synopsis

This monograph dedicated to the most spectacular example of Parisian First Empire interior architecture retraces the history of the building and the lives of its residents. The Hôtel de Beauharnais, constructed in 1713, gained renown during the Consulate period. In 1803, Josephine Bonaparte acquired the property for her son, Eugène de Beauharnais, and had the building renovated and decorated at great expense. At the fall of the Napoleonic Empire, it was sold to the King of Prussia and became an embassy during the nineteenth century. With its unique Consulate and Empire decor, the palace is an invaluable specimen of Parisian interior architecture. The result of more than ten years of research and restoration work, this book recounts three centuries of European political history through the lives of the Hôtel's successive owners.

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Art historian Ulrich Leben is the consultant for furniture and interiors restoration at Beauharnais.

Jürg Ebeling is director of research at the Centre Allemand d'Histoire de l'Art and renovation consultant at Beauharnais. Francis Hammond's photographs have appeared in numerous books including *Historic Houses of Paris* and *Private Houses of France*.

Excellent! A1

Beautiful detailed book about one of the most historic house in Paris. Formerly a palace built by Josephine for her son, Eugene de Beauharnais. The cost itself caused Napoleon to blow his top when he found out how much the bill was. Very beautifully details, from the furniture to the wall decorations. Eventually became the German embassy, almost fell into disrepair but fortunately it was restored to it's former glory. The ultimate expression of the Empire style.

The world is fortunate to have had the good sense to care for this magnificent work of art. It is mankind's, our, treasure, beautiful presented!

Gorgeous book!

Beautiful - perfect purchase.

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