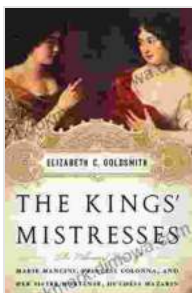


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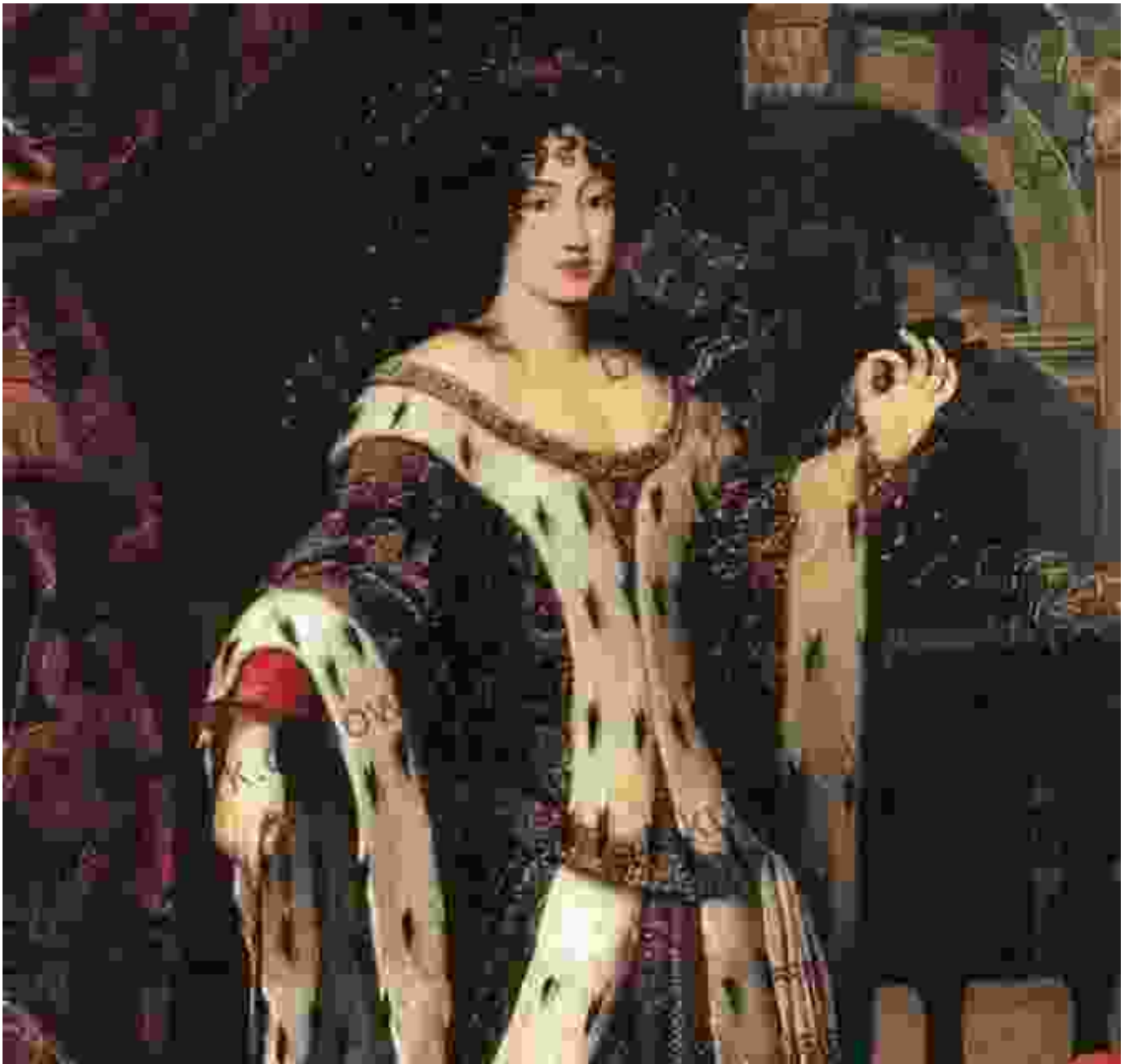
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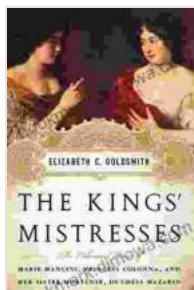
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## **About the Author: Dr. Anne Boissonnas**

Dr. Anne Boissonnas, a renowned historian, has dedicated her life to uncovering the hidden stories of women in history. Her meticulously researched works have shed light on the lives of extraordinary women who challenged societal norms and made significant contributions to their communities. Her passion for uncovering the untold narratives of the past has earned her wide recognition and accolades.

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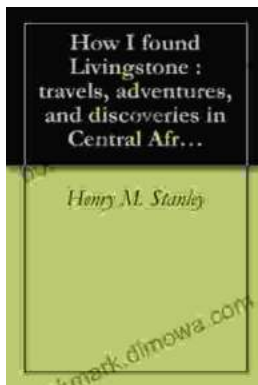


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