The Queen's Necklace is historical fiction based on an actual scandal in the court of Marie Antoinette and Louis XVI during 1784-85, "The Diamond Necklace Affair". The Diamond Necklace Affair contributed to the discrediting of the Marie Antoinette and the monarchy of Louis XVI prior to the French Revolution. The backdrop is the rebellious state of the French people due in part to adverse weather and crop failures affecting the food supply and price of bread during the 1780s, contrasted to the extravagance of the French monarchy. This antiquarian book contains Alexandre Dumas's 1849 novel, "The Queen's Necklace". It is based on a famous case of fraud and royal scandal concerning Marie Antoinette's complicity in a plot to deceive the crown jewelers as to the cost of a diamond necklace, which further spoiled the already-tarnished reputation of the queen. Although seeming to present an idealised picture of Marie Antoinette, it also illustrates the decay and impending decline of the contemporary nobility. A thrilling tale by a master story-teller, "The Queen's Necklace" is highly recommended for fans of historical fiction. The Queen's Necklace dramatizes an unsavory incident in the 1780s at the court of King Louis XVI of France involving the King's wife, Marie Antoinette.