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**Pamela Cowen : Fanfare for the Sun King** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fanfare for the Sun King:

Published to coincide with the opening of the eponymous exhibition at the Fan Museum in 2004, this text presents an insight into the social, cultural and political life of the Court of Louis XIV. It is centred on the gardens of Versailles and the role played by the fans in presenting and promoting all aspects of Louis' reign.

In his review of the publication, Dr Thomas Cocke, Chief Executive, NADFAS said: "Pam Cowen's new book on the painted fans of Louis XIV's Court brings a neglected subject vividly to life. As well as dazzling the eye, she shows how these fans evoke the very essence of the Sun King's splendours. Colourful, witty and sharply observed, the fan leaves show the charm behind the grandeur of French Baroque". Peter Thornton, former Keeper of the Furniture at the V A added: "This book has been beautifully produced, with marvellous illustrations".About the AuthorPamela Cowen, was the Chairman of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (1978-1980), founder and Vice-Chairman of the Heritage Co-ordination Group (1981-1997) and a Council Member of the Oriental Ceramic Society (1996-1999).