

# The Memoirs of Charles Lewis Baron de Pollnitz: Volume IV: Being Observations Made in His Travels from Prussia Through Poland, Austria, Bohemia, Saxony, Flanders, Holland, England, and France



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The Memoirs of Charles Lewis Baron de Pollnitz is a fascinating and informative travelogue that provides a unique glimpse into 18th-century Europe. Originally published in French in 1734, the Memoirs were translated into English in 1737 and have since become a valuable resource for historians and scholars.

Pollnitz, a German nobleman and diplomat, traveled extensively throughout Europe in the early 18th century. His Memoirs provide detailed observations on the countries he visited, including their political systems, social customs, and cultural life. Pollnitz was a keen observer of human nature, and his Memoirs are filled with lively anecdotes and character sketches.

Volume IV of the Memoirs covers Pollnitz's travels through Prussia, Poland, Austria, Bohemia, Saxony, Flanders, Holland, England, and France. He provides detailed descriptions of the major cities he visited, including Berlin, Warsaw, Vienna, Prague, Dresden, Brussels, Amsterdam, London, and Paris.

Pollnitz's observations on Prussia are particularly valuable, as he provides a firsthand account of the rise of Prussia under Frederick the Great. He describes Frederick's military reforms, his administrative reforms, and his patronage of the arts and sciences.

Pollnitz's account of Poland is also very interesting, as he provides a glimpse into the decline of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. He describes the political instability and social unrest that plagued Poland in the early 18th century.

In addition to his observations on the political and social life of Europe, Pollnitz also provides valuable insights into the cultural life of the continent. He describes the major theaters, opera houses, and art galleries of the time. He also provides detailed accounts of the social customs and etiquette of the European courts.

The Memoirs of Charles Lewis Baron de Pollnitz is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of Europe in the 18th century. Pollnitz's keen observations and lively writing style make his Memoirs a fascinating and informative read.

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## **About the Author**

Charles Lewis Baron de Pollnitz (1692-1760) was a German nobleman and diplomat. He traveled extensively throughout Europe in the early 18th century, and his Memoirs provide a valuable account of the political, social, and cultural life of the continent during that time.

Pollnitz was born in Cologne, Germany, in 1692. He studied law at the University of Halle, and then entered the diplomatic service of the Elector of Hanover. In 1715, he was appointed as the Hanoverian envoy to the court of Prussia.

Pollnitz served as the Hanoverian envoy to Prussia for seven years. During that time, he became well acquainted with Frederick the Great, the future king of Prussia. Pollnitz was a keen observer of Prussian society, and his Memoirs provide valuable insights into the rise of Prussia under Frederick the Great.

In 1722, Pollnitz was recalled to Hanover. He continued to serve as a diplomat for the Elector of Hanover, but he also began to write his Memoirs. The first volume of his Memoirs was published in French in 1734, and the English translation was published in 1737.

Pollnitz's Memoirs were a great success, and they were translated into several languages. Pollnitz continued to write his Memoirs until his death in 1760. The Memoirs provide a valuable account of the political, social, and cultural life of Europe in the 18th century.

## **Reviews**

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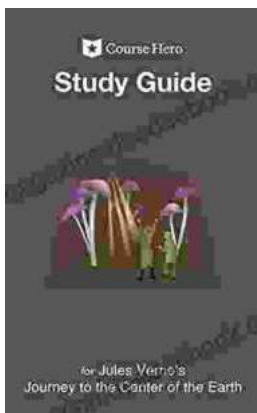


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