

# A Day at Château de Vaux le Vicomte

## Un Jour à Vaux-le-Vicomte

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**Alexandre de Vogüé** represents the fifth generation of the de Vogüé family in charge of managing the Château de Vaux le Vicomte estate. Since 2012, along with his brother Charles de Vogüé, he has successfully developed a range of activities linked with the Château. **Bruno Ehrs** is a Swedish architectural photographer whose photographs have been published in many magazines worldwide and numerous books.

### The Work

*This work recounts the fascinating history of a château that was the harbinger of a new architectural style and inspired the greatest French châteaux, including the Château de Versailles.*

The fruit of collaboration between three of the greatest French artists, architect Louis Le Vau, painter and decorator Charles Le Brun and gardener André Le Nôtre, the Château de Vaux le Vicomte is a true gem of seventeenth-century French architecture, furnishing and gardening. The château is just as remarkable for its history, whose best-known figure is the influential superintendent of Finance, Nicolas Fouquet, an aesthete and great patron of the arts whose sumptuous soirées surpassed in fame the feasts at Versailles, triggering the jealousy of Louis XIV<sup>th</sup>, who soon cast him in prison. However, it is above all the exceptional harmony of the château, the spirit of the most eminent 17<sup>th</sup> century artists still lingering on the site, and the sumptuous gardens scattered with numerous water features and decorative artifices that would pioneer a series of "French gardens" imitated all over Europe, that now seduce and delight visitors from all over the world. This elegant gift book, richly illustrated with exclusive photographs and private archive documents, reveals this château's bewitching history, plunging us into the intimacy of a palace that was constructed more for pleasure than for glory.



### Key Sales Points

- Access to the archives of the Château de Vaux le Vicomte and the de Vogüé family, as well as previously unpublished documents.
- Superb photos by photographer Bruno Ehrs highlight the château's harmony and enchanting atmosphere.

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