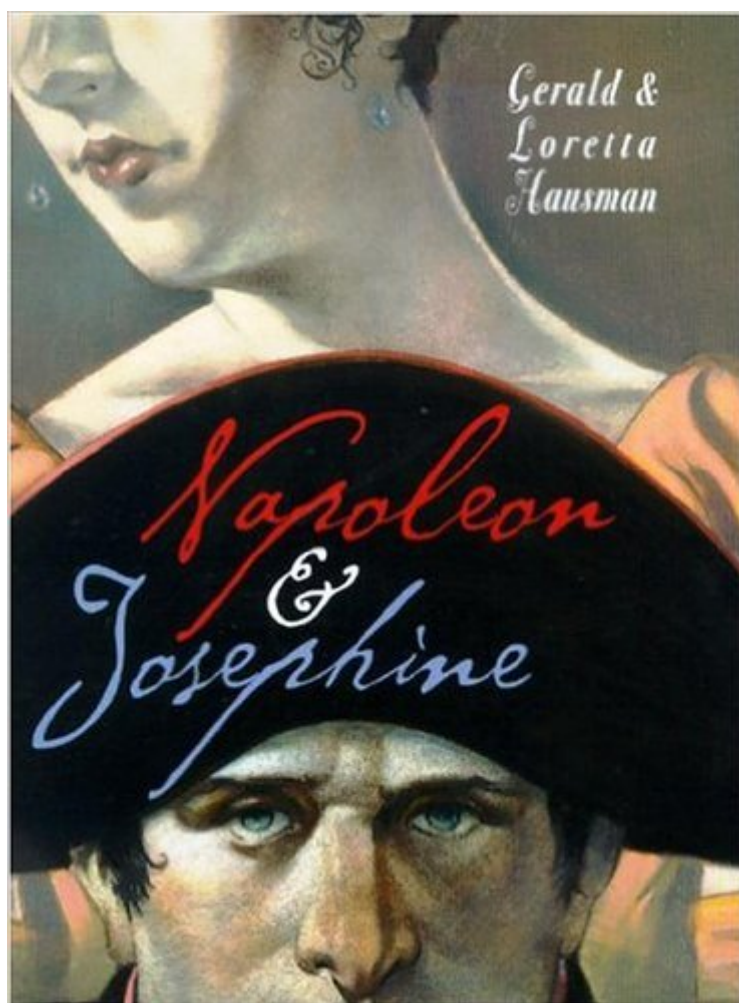


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# Napoleon & Josephine: The Sword And The Hummingbird



## Synopsis

Acclaimed authors Gerald and Loretta Hausman weave together the stories of Napoleon and Josephine and their turbulent love affair in this lavish and beautifully written novel. As Josephine grows up on the tropical island of Martinique, she dreams of moving to Paris to live a life of glamour. An arranged marriage to a French nobleman brings her to Paris, but not to the lifestyle she dreamt of. After a divorce and a terrible time during the French Revolution, she holds a party that Napoleon, the general who has grown famous after a series of military victories, attends. A tumultuous relationship develops that is filled with separations and fights and the most passionate declarations of love ever uttered.

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This is the story of the relationship between Napoleon Bonaparte and Josephine Beauharnais. After Josephine's original husband is killed in the French revolution by the guillotine, she seeks a new husband and finds one in Napoleon. He quickly falls in love with Josephine and creates what seems at times a one sided love. Napoleon must balance being a conquerer and being a husband. Yet Josephine, on the other hand, appeared to have more trouble in the relationship even though it did not seem she had many distractions. When I read the description of Napoleon and Josephine, I thought that there would be inappropriate content for children which made me very reluctant to read it. Fortunately, there was nothing of the sort. I found the story very interesting and informative, not

only about Napoleon and Josephine, but also about the French Revolution. There were many twists and turns that made the book faster reading than your regular love story. Reviewed by Flamingnet Book Reviews, [...]

I was very excited to read this book because I love historical fiction, but I was not at all satisfied. I found Napoleon the most annoying character I've ever had in a book. He is self centered and arrogant. All he does is think about himself. Josephine isn't much better. She always lets Napoleon have his way. The only reason I finished this book was just for the sake of it. I would definitely not recommend this book. It's a waste of time.

I have never had the slightest interest in Napoleon and Josephine, so for the authors to write a story with these people as the subject that I found interesting and enjoyable to read was quite a feat. The Hausmans pulled it off by tracing Josephine's life from childhood on, so that when she meets the ponderous, egomaniacal goof Napoleon, even he seems real and one is able to engage with interest in their topsy turvy relationship. The authors' use of interior monologue, quotations from Napoleon's letters, plus an intimate understanding of the period, makes for a great blend. I would be very surprised if this book doesn't do well for a very long period of time. -David Kherdian

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