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**Lord Hervey**

John Lord Hervey (1696-1743) was an extreme-seventeenth-century English statesman, writer, and politician. He served as Lord Privy Seal in the cabinet of Sir Robert Walpole, Lord Chancellor of the Exchequer, and as a member of the Whig opposition. Hervey is known for his correspondence, particularly the 130-volume 'Journal of a journey through Italy and the Ostian road', which was published posthumously in 1761.

**Queen Caroline**

The European court is a microcosm of society, and the story of Queen Caroline, the wife of King George II, is one of the most sensational and controversial tales of the eighteenth century. Hervey, as a sympathetic observer, was able to capture some of the intrigue and scandal that surrounded the royal household during Caroline's reign, which lasted from 1722 to 1737.

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