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About the Author Frances Mossiker is the author of many highly praised books, including Napoleon and Josephine and The Affair of the Poisons.