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**From the author of the bestselling  
GIRL IN DIOR  
Comes this fun biography:  
MARIE ANTOINETTE, Phantom Queen**

When Annie Goetzinger introduced us to the GIRL IN DIOR in 2015, we were shown an enchanting and elegant side of graphic novels. Goetzinger invited readers into an exciting and colorful docudrama of the past that was brought to life through her vivid imagery and remarkable storytelling ability.

Now paired with Rodolphe, Goetzinger masterfully interweaves two varied times in history to tell one incredibly moving and riveting story. NBM invites you to lose yourself in the worlds of eighteenth-century Versailles and 1930s France in this semi-biographical tale of Marie Antoinette and the woman who helped her find eternal peace.

Pursued by her dead husband's son for her fortune and struggling to pursue her art, it would seem that a visit from a ghost is the last thing Maud de Brunhoe would welcome in her life. And yet, when the spirit of Marie Antoinette presents itself to Maud, an unlikely friendship begins between two women who are both struggling to reach a place of contentment in their lives.

Drawing on the 1901 book of two English women who proclaimed to have seen the ghost of Marie Antoinette, Goetzinger and Rodolphe spin us a yarn with the ghost of the queen who has been fruitlessly searching for her final resting place and a member of the living who can help her find it. As Maud takes it upon herself to help her, Marie Antoinette helps Maud in turn to seek out her own joy and find the courage to ask for the life she wants to live.

This graphic novel reminds of us how far true friends are willing to go for each other, while posing the question if we really know history as well as we think we do, showing us a different angle on the life of the queen.

Annie Goetzinger is a *grande dame* of French BD, her *Girl in Dior* (NBM) went back to press last year 2 times. Rodolphe is a leading French comics writer.

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