Record Nr. UNINA9910793807503321 Autore Byrne Anne (Historian) Death and the crown: ritual and politics in France before the Revolution **Titolo** // Anne Byrne Pubbl/distr/stampa Manchester: ,: Manchester University Press, , [2020] ©2020 1-5261-4332-1 **ISBN** 1-5261-5053-0 1-5261-4331-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (ix, 249 pages): illustrations Collana Studies in modern French and Francophone history 944.361034 Disciplina Soggetti National characteristics, French - Early works to 1800 Political culture - France - History - 18th century Regalia - France - History Rites and ceremonies - France - History France Court and courtiers History 18th century France History Bourbons, 1589-1789 France Politics and government 18th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: Ceremony in history The deathbed ceremonies of Louis XV, May 1774 The funeral of Louis XV, July 1774 The lit de justice of November 1774 'Le roi se fait sacre': preparing the coronation, 1774-75 'Vive le roi!': the coronation of Louis XVI, 11 June 1775 'Le roi te touche': the coronation and the king's healing touch Conclusion Sommario/riassunto Looking at royal ritual in pre-revolutionary France, Death and the crown examines the deathbed and funeral of Louis XV in 1774, the lit de justice of November 1774, and the coronation of Louis XVI, including the ceremony of the royal healing touch for scrofula. It reviews the state of the field in ritual studies and appraises the status of the monarchy in the 1770s, including the recall of the parlements and the many ways people engaged with royal ritual. It answers questions such as whether Louis XV died in fear of damnation, why

Marie Antoinette was not crowned in 1775 and why Louis XVI's coronation was not held in Paris. This lively, accessible text is a useful tool for under- and post-graduate teaching which will also be of interest to specialists on this under-researched period.