



Who was Caterina?

The Italian noblewoman was the queen consort of Henry II of France (reigned 1547-59) and subsequently regent of France. She was one of the most influential personalities of the Catholic-Huguenot wars.

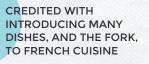
ACCOMPLISHMENTS



GREATLY ESTEEMED IN THE COURT OF FRANCIS I

INTRODUCED INNOVATIONS IN FASHION, INCLUDING THE FIRST STILETTOS AND CORSET





Curiosities

The great-granddaughter of Lorenzo the Magnificent





Three of her sons became kings of France: Francis II, Charles IX and Henry III





Portrait in the Palatine Gallery Palazzo Pitti, Florence

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