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Sophia Murphy : The Duchess of Devonshire's Ball before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Duchess of Devonshire's Ball:

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. The fancy dress party of the century By K. Maxwell 1897 was the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It was also the year that the Duchess of Devonshire held the fancy dress party of the century in her London mansion. This book gives us a glimpse into a now legendary party. The cream of London society took place in this event - if you weren't invited you were not part of the "in" crowd. This party involved months of planning and the aristocracy of the time spent small fortunes to re-create "authentic" outfits of the characters of their choosing. This book gives you short, but well written biographies of all the main participants of the ball, what they wore, and where it is available their memoirs of the occasion. The book is also sprinkled with photographs of the participants all dressed for the night. My only complaint is that some of these photos are too small to clearly see the fantastic outfits and jewels the people are wearing. This book also has a number of rare photos of the interior of Devonshire house before it was demolished, with the furniture intact. Most photos you see of the interior of the house show it stripped of its fittings and ready for demolition, so these are interesting to see. For a glimpse of late Victorian high society this book is a must, as it contains many bits of information on the ball's participants not available from many other sources.

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