



# Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta

*George Hersey*

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta

*George Hersey*

## **Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta** George Hersey

The great palace of Caserta, near Naples, probably the largest building erected in Europe in the eighteenth century, became an archetypal expression of absolute monarchy. It was begun in 1752 for Carlo di Borbone, King of the Two Sicilies, who worked closely with its chief architect, Luigi Vanvitelli. Although Vanvitelli was one of the most notable architects of his century, as Caserta was one of its major buildings, this study by a leading scholar of Baroque and Neapolitan architecture is the first book in English on the architect and his masterpiece.

The book offers a new view of the palatial and megapalatial in architecture. Although the monarch for whom it was built never spent a night under its roof, Caserta was designed to provide the royal family and the court with a grand residence and more. It was also intended to house the offices of the government bureaucracy, barracks, a national library, a university, and a national theater - not only to symbolize but to contain the organs of a large modern state.

Caserta influenced much that came after: plans by Boullée for a new Versailles to return pride of size to France, buildings in both Imperial and Soviet Russia, palaces of the later British Empire, even the Pentagon. As Hersey notes, "if Carlo di Borbone could return from the grave and rule the United States, he would move the seat of executive power from the White House to the Pentagon."

The book also provides intriguing insights into the relationships between poetry - painted and sculptured allegories - and number - architectural planning that has become a geometrical game. It sketches the intellectual background of Carlo's conception, emphasizing the king's mythical forebears and his love of mathematical order. It shows that the Neapolitan poet and philosopher, Giambattista Vico, influenced the king to incorporate such mythic figures as Hercules and Aeneas into his genealogy and Vanvitelli to introduce their likenesses into Caserta's art, which is in turn integrated with the geometry of the palace's gardens and the numerical sequences of its rooms.

George L. Hersey is Professor of Art History at Yale.

 [Download Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Pala ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Pa ...pdf](#)

## **Download and Read Free Online Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta George Hersey**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **James Shipp:**

Book is to be different for each grade. Book for children until finally adult are different content. As we know that book is very important for people. The book Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta had been making you to know about other knowledge and of course you can take more information. It doesn't matter what advantages for you. The reserve Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta is not only giving you more new information but also to become your friend when you experience bored. You can spend your spend time to read your e-book. Try to make relationship using the book Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta. You never really feel lose out for everything should you read some books.

#### **Christopher Williams:**

Now a day people that Living in the era wherever everything reachable by interact with the internet and the resources in it can be true or not involve people to be aware of each facts they get. How a lot more to be smart in having any information nowadays? Of course the correct answer is reading a book. Reading through a book can help men and women out of this uncertainty Information specifically this Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta book as this book offers you rich data and knowledge. Of course the data in this book hundred per-cent guarantees there is no doubt in it as you know.

#### **Corey Mason:**

The e-book untitled Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta is the publication that recommended to you to see. You can see the quality of the guide content that will be shown to anyone. The language that publisher use to explained their ideas are easily to understand. The writer was did a lot of exploration when write the book, and so the information that they share for your requirements is absolutely accurate. You also might get the e-book of Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta from the publisher to make you far more enjoy free time.

#### **Jane Rippeon:**

Many people spending their period by playing outside using friends, fun activity together with family or just watching TV 24 hours a day. You can have new activity to spend your whole day by studying a book. Ugh, do you consider reading a book can definitely hard because you have to accept the book everywhere? It alright you can have the e-book, bringing everywhere you want in your Mobile phone. Like Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta which is having the e-book version. So , try out this book? Let's notice.

**Download and Read Online Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta George Hersey #9KROVXW0LUE**

## **Read Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta by George Hersey for online ebook**

Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta by George Hersey Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta by George Hersey books to read online.

### **Online Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta by George Hersey ebook PDF download**

**Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta by George Hersey Doc**

**Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta by George Hersey Mobipocket**

**Architecture, Poetry, and Number in the Royal Palace at Caserta by George Hersey EPub**