

Caterina de' Medici

Born in Florence **1519**
Died in Blois, France **1589**



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



CREDITED WITH
INTRODUCING MANY
DISHES, AND THE FORK,
TO FRENCH CUISINE



Don't miss



Portrait in the Palatine Gallery
Palazzo Pitti, Florence

Curiosities

The great-granddaughter
of Lorenzo the Magnificent



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

**HISTORY IS
WRITTEN
BY THE
SURVIVORS,
AND I AM
SURELY THAT.**