



## The Sunday Telegraph

*"Of all the huge outpouring of Victoriana commemorating last month's centenary of the Queen-Empress's death, the most delightful study is this short and very well researched book by the former General Manager of Reuters, Michael Nelson."*

*It investigates the fully reciprocated love affair between the Queen and the French Riviera: she loved the South of France because of the climate, gardens and relative privacy; it loved her because of the prestige, publicity and tourism that her nine visits engendered."* Andrew Roberts in The Sunday Telegraph



*"We see an unexpected side to Victoria: not the imperious, petulant, mourning widow but rather an exuberant, girlish old lady thrilled by her surroundings. There are many fascinating illustrations, some in colour..."* Living France

## Queen Victoria & the Discovery of the Riviera **Reviews**

By Michael Nelson. Publisher: I B Tauris & Co Ltd; ISBN: 1860646468 [www.michaelnelsonbooks.com](http://www.michaelnelsonbooks.com)



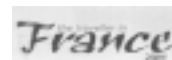
*"...a beautifully produced edition... it is the result of meticulous and much original research. It paints a fascinating portrait of the queen..."* Christine Buisson in the Var Village Voice



*"Vastly researched and highly entertaining."* Brian Case in Time Out



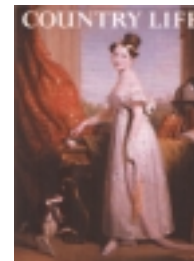
*"As a detailed monograph on one specific aspect of Victoria's life, it is difficult to see how it could have been better done."* Paul Minet in Royalty Digest



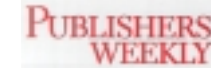
*"A fascinating book... even includes journal notes written by her at the time."* The Traveller in France 2001



*"In the introduction, a gem of succinctness and anecdotal charm, Nelson outlines the development of tourism in southern France. One would hardly expect yet another book on Queen Victoria to be amusing, but this one's a rare treat."* Gail Benjafield in Library Journal



*"Queen Victoria's Riviera Holidays were not only enjoyable for her, they did a great deal of good for the frequently uneasy relations between England and France in the last years of her reign. Surprisingly little has been made of them."* Susan Hill in Country Life



*"...an enjoyable portrait of one of the modern era's most important monarchs."* Publishers Weekly

[frenchculture.org](http://frenchculture.org)

*"This book paints a charming portrait of Victoria and her dealings with officials, statesmen, and the constant stream of visiting crowned heads to the Riviera."* Frenchculture.org, French Embassy, Washington

## Guardian

*"One of the most fascinating books of the year ... Queen Vic helped invent international tourism - Britain's gift to the world."* Peter Preston in The Guardian



*"The fascinating story of Queen Victoria's love affair with the Riviera is beautifully recounted."* Ron Kentish in the Isle of Wight County Press