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The author of *Sex with Kings* and *Sex with the Queen*, New York Times bestselling historian Eleanor Herman has hosted episodes for the National Geographic Channel and the History Channel's *Lost Worlds*. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, she is married and lives in McLean, Virginia. Country of Publication.Â *Sex with Kings: 500 Years of Adultery, Power, Rivalry, and Revenge* by Eleanor Herman (Paperback, 2005). Be the first to write a review About this product. Brand new: Lowest price. Xii, 287 pages : 24 cm. Chronicles five hundred years of adultery in European monarchy, discussing how royal mistresses influenced every aspect of European history, and profiling notable women and the kings who loved them. Includes bibliographical references (pages 271-274) and index. *Sex with the king -- Beyond the bed : the art of pleasing a king -- Rivals for a king's love : the mistress and the queen -- Cuckold to the king : the mistress's husband -- Unceasing vigilance : the price of success -- Loving profitably : the wages of sin -- Political power between the sheets --*. Red wh Eleanor Herman's *Sex with Kings* takes us into the throne rooms and bedrooms of Europe's most powerful monarchs. Alive with flamboyant characters, outrageous humor, and stirring poignancy, this glittering tale of passion and politics chronicles five hundred years of scintillating women and the kings who loved them. Curiously, the main function of a royal mistress was not to provide the king with sex but with companionship. Forced to marry repulsive foreign princesses, kings sought solace with women of their own choice. And what women they were! From Madame de Pompadour, the famous mis *Sex with kings: 500 years of adultery, power, rivalry, and revenge* by Eleanor. Pre-owned. EUR 2.68.Â *Sex with Kings: 500 Years of Adultery, Power, Rivalry, and Revenge* by Herman, E. Pre-owned. EUR 3.39.