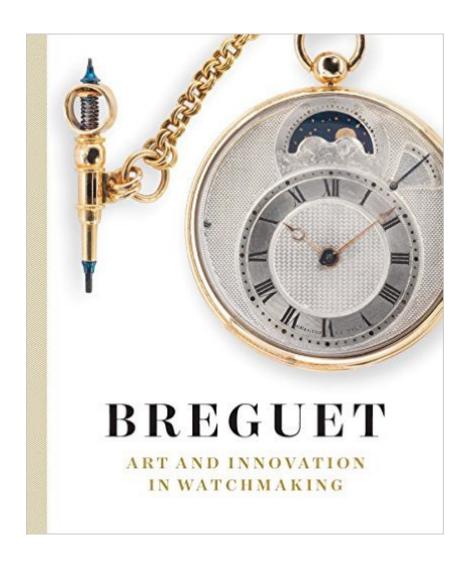
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This dazzling exploration of the work of renowned horologist Breguet is also a fascinating look at what makes watches and other timepieces tick. Abraham-Louis Breguet invented many of the standard components of today's most prestigious watches, earning the title "The Father of Modern Horology." The self-winding watch, the gong spring, the first shock-protection device, andthe enameled dial--all were created by Breguet. In addition,he invented the first travel clock, sold to Napoleon Bonapartein 1798, and the first wristwatch, delivered to Caroline Murat,queen of Naples in 1812. Perhaps Breguet's most famoustimepiece is the "Marie-Antoinette" pocket watch, which tookforty years to make and was the most complex watch of itstime. This fascinating, elegantly designed volume featuresmore than seventy watches and clocks that were constructedby the Breguet company, and it contains many insights intothe inner workings that made these objects so innovative andvaluable. Engaging essays explore Breguet's personal history,the technologies he perfected, and his vast internationalreputation--which survives to this day. This beautiful overviewof Breguet's achievements will speak to anyone who treasurestheir watch--whether as an indispensable daily accessory, or asa prized piece of jewelry.

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