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#### Review

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"A passion play, a story of excess and intrigue, a comic-strip romp set in revolutionary France." - Janet Street-Porter

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The Marquis de Sade (1740–1814) was a French aristocrat famous for his libertine lifestyle. He spent many years in various prisons and insane asylums. Sade's works are notorious for their combination of philosophical discourse and pornography.

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