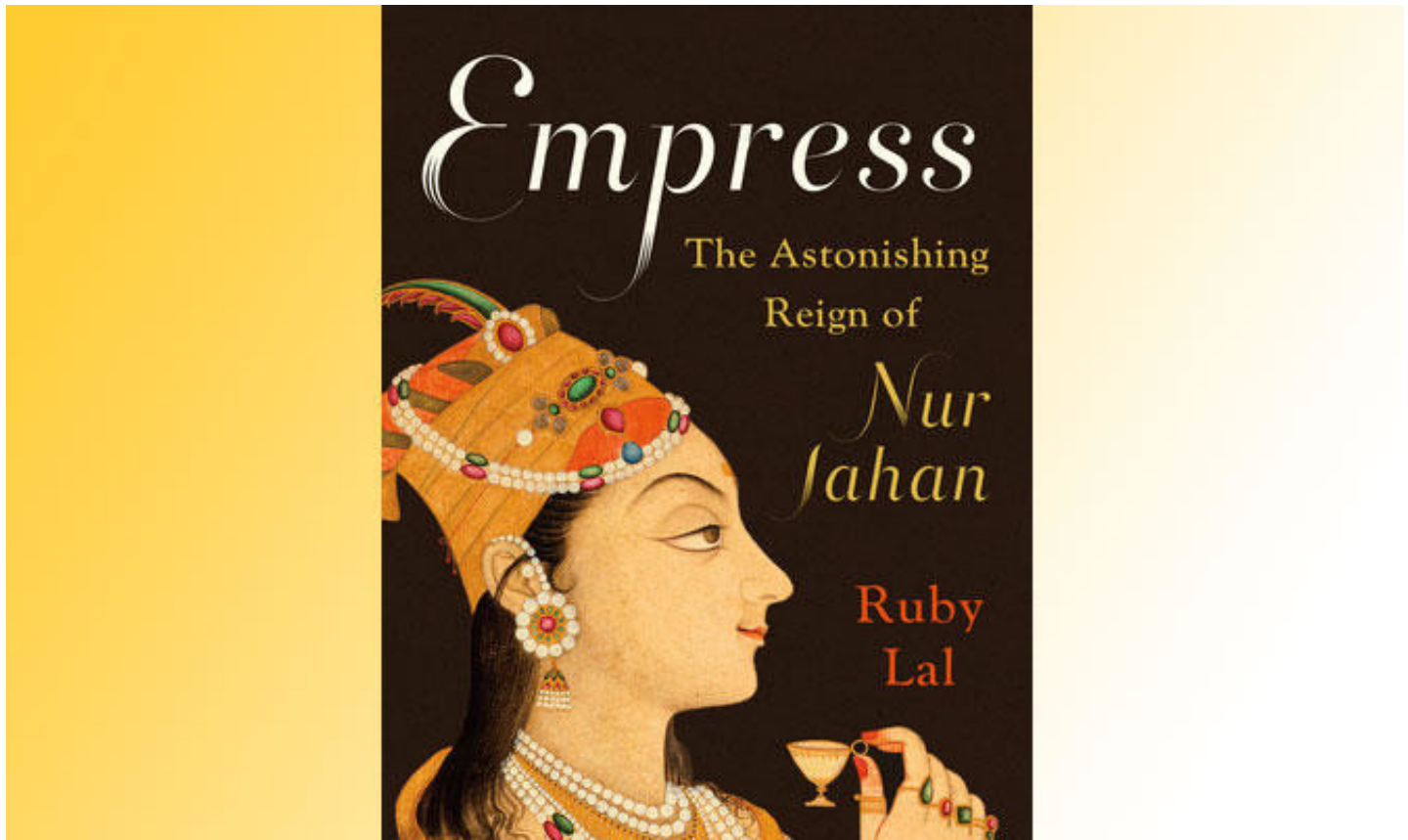


What We Are Reading Today: Empress – The Astonishing Reign of Nur Jahan



Acclaimed historian Ruby Lal has written a brilliant and compelling biography of Nur Jahan.

In 1611, 34-year-old Nur Jahan became the 20th and most cherished wife of the Emperor Jahangir.

The author uncovers the rich life and world of Nur Jahan, rescuing this dazzling figure from patriarchal clichés of romance and intrigue, and giving new insight into the lives of women and girls in the Mughal Empire.

In *Empress*, Nur finally receives her due in a deeply researched and evocative biography that awakens readers to a fascinating history.

“Lal has done a service to readers interested in the Mughal period and the many forgotten or poorly remembered women of Indian history. She has helped shine a little light on an enigmatic character many think they know but few actually understand,”

Vikas Bajaj writes in a review published in the New York Times.

“Lal is clearly constrained by the paucity of the material she has to work with. But she seems too reluctant to draw inferences and make analytical deductions,” the review added.
