

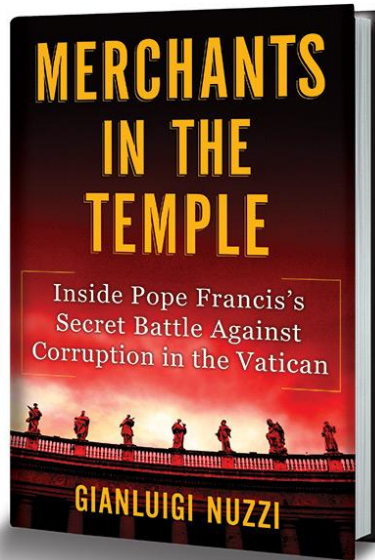


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**Henry Holt to Publish U.S. Edition of
'Merchants in the Temple'**

By Italian Journalist Gianluigi Nuzzi

Global Nov. 10 Publication Set for
Explosive Book on
The Pope's Enemies in the Vatican

NEW YORK, Sept. 9, 2015 – Henry Holt has acquired the U.S. rights to the worldwide publication of “Merchants in the Temple: Inside Pope Francis’ Battle Against Corruption in the Vatican,” by Italian journalist Gianluigi Nuzzi, it was announced today by Stephen Rubin, president and publisher of Holt. It will be edited by Serena Jones. Publication is set for Nov.10, 2015.

“Merchants in the Temple” evokes the personalities and scandals brewing within the secret confines of the Catholic Church. Nuzzi has access to unpublished and secret documents, revealing heretofore untold, unbelievable stories of scandal and corruption at the highest levels.

“A veritable war is waging in the Catholic Church: on one side, there is Pope Francis’s strong message for one church of the poor and all; and on the other side, there is the opaque and aggressive power systems within the Vatican’s hierarchy,” said Nuzzi. “They do not back down, they are ready to use all means necessary to stay in control and continue the immoral way they conduct their business. They resist reforms sought by Pope Francis and seek to delegitimize their opponents, to isolate those who want to eliminate corruption. It’s a war that will determine the future of the church. If he loses the battle against secular interests and blackmail, Pope Francis might resign, much like his predecessor.”

“Merchants in the Temple’ is a startling book that will shock every reader including those beyond the Catholic Church,” said Rubin. “Gianluigi Nuzzi’s story is worthy of a Dan Brown novel with its electrifying details of the trickery and scheming against the papacy, except it is real.”

Rubin bought World English rights from Marco Vigevani at The Italian Agency in Milan in an exclusive deal. The book will be published simultaneously in Italy by Chiarelettere, in Germany by Redbull (Ecowin), in Portugal by Bertrand, in Spain by Espasa, in South America by Planeta and in France by Flammarion.

About the Author

Gianluigi Nuzzi is an Italian journalist, nonfiction writer and TV anchorman. He is the author of two bestselling titles, “Vaticano SpA” and “Sua Santità,” which sold more than one million copies in Italy, Germany, France, Spain, the United States, Brazil and the Netherlands. He lives in Milan.

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