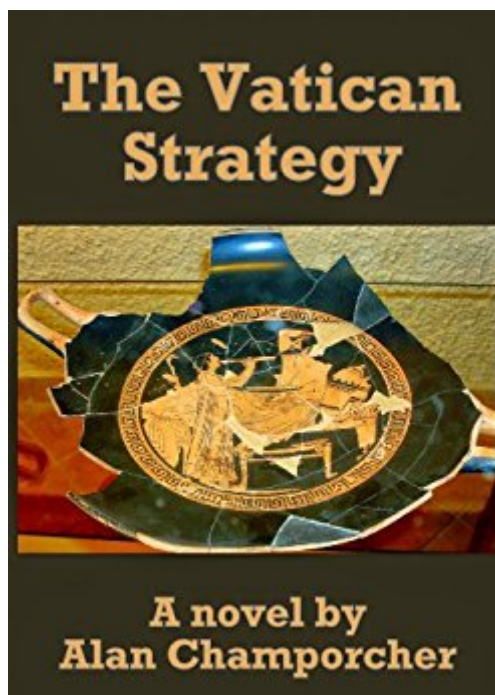


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The Vatican Strategy



Synopsis

John Adams Conti, descendant of American presidents and Italian farmers, returns to action in Rome when he learns of a plot to usurp the power of the Catholic Church for political ends. In *The Vatican Strategy*, Conti finds himself bored with managing the family estate near Milan. Having quit the CIA, he misses the excitement of life as a spy. His friend, undercover Israeli agent Rabbi Amos Cadiz, draws him into a probe of the well-financed activities of the Legion of Jesus, a far right-wing Catholic sect. Where is the money coming from, where is it going, and who is calling the shots? With the help of his former associate and sometime girlfriend Jill Burnham, who has risen in the CIA bureaucracy, Conti teams up with Cadiz to investigate a shadowy conspiracy of conservative Cardinals, Mafia-led antiquities thieves, government officials, and their big money backers in the U.S. From museums in Rome, to Etruscan burial sites, to a cowboy antiques store in rural Colorado, Conti risks everything to identify the enemies, understand their strategy, and stop them, while the life of an aging Pope, as well as a U.S. presidential election, hang in the balance.

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Customer Reviews

A fast paced, exciting story. I love to read my Kindle before going to sleep. But, this book was too

action packed to be relaxing. So, I read it in small sections even when I didn't want to put it down. Spoiler alert coming up: A key premise of the book, which I question, is that anyone who controls the papacy can determine who is elected President of the USA. The last time I looked, the only President who was a Catholic served over half a century ago. But, ignoring the questionable validity of the premise, the book was an exciting read, with admirable heroes and evil villains. Oh, there were several instances where it appeared that an editor had never read the book before it was published. But, a friend of mine has pointed out that that is the norm nowadays, and it really did not interfere with my enjoyment of the book.

I thought Champorcher's prior books were good, but this one beats them all. The characters leap from the page, the plot twists keep you intrigued and the story is just plain good. Add to that the wonderful descriptions of the Italian countryside and the obviously well researched background of ancient art and the Vatican and it is simply... a great read.

Once again, the author artfully directs our attention to beauty, science, and human nature with an intriguing plot and endearing characters. His descriptions of Rome and its environs (and its food) draw the reader into the scene as well as the action. Champorcher is a gifted writer whose intelligence and curiosity create memorable mysteries.

A great plot and twists throughout kept me wanting to read more, and a wonderful immersion into Italian culture which I can only imagine comes from the author really understanding the place/lives there. A real page turner - must read.

Champorcher has really hit the nail on the head with book. Fast paced along with a uncanny understanding of the Vatican's inner workings. Other books about the Catholic Church are hard to believe, but this story really is believable.

Exciting plot set in the Vatican and Washington DC with interesting characters and rich local color. This book is even better than Mr. Champorcher's last book, which I loved.

Read it twice An excellent easy read! Keeps your interest. Highly recommended! A 5 star book. Limited violence. A must read for anyone who loves to read.

John Conti lives to see his retirement in the Italian countryside become a possibility. I hope not, as I would like to see him embroiled in another international conspiracy where we are brought through the adventure and mystery but also the historical/political backgrounds of the geographical settings of his travels.

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