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"Nuzzi has significant sources within the Roman Curia, allowing him access to "exclusive, never-before-published documentation" that reveals a truly shocking, shameful story of waste and corruption within the vast network of Vatican finances. . . . The network of subterfuge is bewildering, and the barriers to transparency perhaps more than Frances can overcome, as Nuzzi delineates with valiant candor. While more historical context would be useful, this is a provocative work of dogged investigative research." ***Kirkus***

"With...Gianluigi Nuzzi's *Merchants in the Temple*, I'm absolutely impressed. The account is packed with excerpts from confidential documents that are no doubt authentic. Even the Vatican tacitly admits as much. The author's analysis of the numbers and account of the byzantine internal politics are thoroughly convincing. In fact, the figures he reveals both confirm my own reporting about the Vatican but fill in many facts I was unable to obtain. Most of all, *Merchants in the Temple* shows that a lot of the money isn't being spent where the Vatican claimed....In *Merchants in the Temple*, Nuzzi draws an admiring but startling portrait of Pope Francis....As Nuzzi makes clear, this Pope is a fearless reformer with a shrewd mind for business. The leaks may be illegal, but they're not the real scandal. The scandal is the mismanagement that's been hidden for far too long. These revelations should make the need for urgent reform obvious to the world outside the walls of the Vatican. And that's the message Francis has been trying to send all along." ***Fortune***

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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