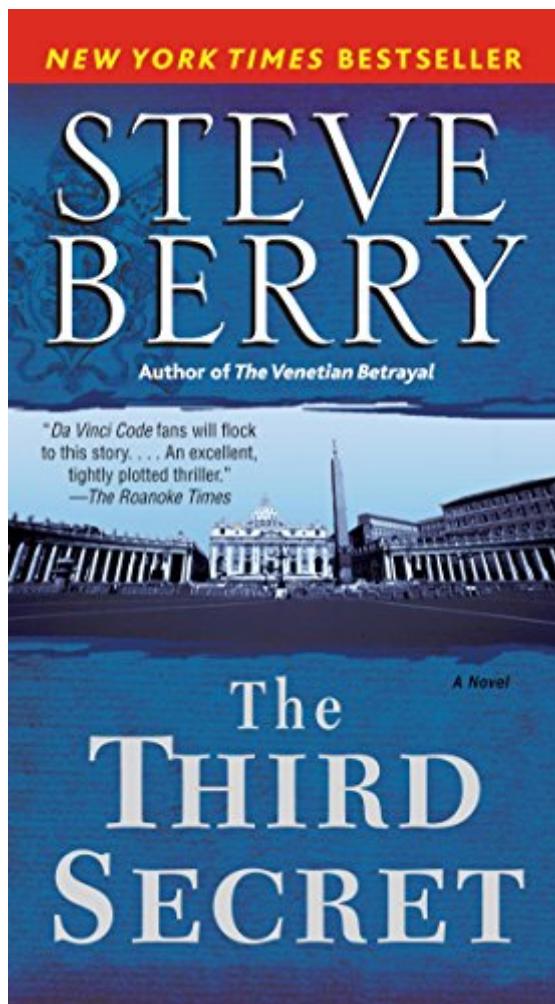


The book was found

The Third Secret: A Novel Of Suspense



Synopsis

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Steve Berryâ™s The Columbus Affair. Explosive in both its pace and its revelations, The Third Secret is a remarkable international thriller. Bestselling author Steve Berry tackles some of the most controversial ideas of our time in a breakneck journey through the history of the Church and the future of religion. Fatima, Portugal, 1917: The Virgin Mary appears to three peasant children, sharing with them three secrets, two of which are soon revealed to the world. The third secret is sealed away in the Vatican, read only by popes, and not disclosed until the year 2000. When revealed, its quizzical tone and anticlimactic nature leave many faithful wondering if the Church has truly unveiled all of the Virgin Maryâ™s wordsâ“or if a message far more important has been left in the shadows. Vatican City, present day: Papal secretary Father Colin Michener is concerned for the Pope. Night after restless night, Pope Clement XV enters the Vaticanâ™s Riserva, the special archive open only to popes, where the Churchâ™s most clandestine and controversial documents are stored. Though unsure of the details, Michener knows that the Popeâ™s distress stems from the revelations of Fatima. Equally concerned, but not out of any sense of compassion, is Alberto Cardinal Valendrea, the Vaticanâ™s Secretary of State,. Valendrea desperately covets the papacy, having narrowly lost out to Clement at the last conclave. Now the Popeâ™s interest in Fatima threatens to uncover a shocking ancient truth that Valendrea has kept to himself for many years. When Pope Clement sends Michener to the Romanian highlands, then to a Bosnian holy site, in search of a priestâ“possibly one of the last people on Earth who knows Maryâ™s true messageâ“a perilous set of events unfolds. Michener finds himself embroiled in murder, suspicion, suicide, deceit, and his forbidden passion for a beloved woman. In a desperate search for answers, he travels to Pope Clementâ™s birthplace in Germany, where he learns that the third secret of Fatima may dictate the very fate of the Churchâ“a fate now lying in Michenerâ™s own hands.

Book Information

File Size: 1497 KB

Print Length: 400 pages

Page Numbers Source ISBN: 0345476131

Publisher: Ballantine Books (May 17, 2005)

Publication Date: May 17, 2005

Sold by:Â Random House LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B000FCK4OK

Text-to-Speech: Not enabled

X-Ray: Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #19,479 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #13 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Genre Fiction > Religious & Inspirational > Mystery #223 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Mystery, Thriller & Suspense > Thrillers > Conspiracies #231 in Books > Mystery, Thriller & Suspense > Thrillers & Suspense > Spies & Politics > Conspiracies

Customer Reviews

Steve Berry's "The Third Secret" is a blending together of religious fact with fiction to create a creditable thriller based upon doctrines set forth by the Vatican. An apparition of the Virgin Mary observed by 3 peasant children in 1917 Fatima, Portugal and the disclosures made by her form the crux of the plot of the novel. The Virgin purportedly revealed 3 secrets, two of which were revealed by one of the children named Lucia. The third secret, however remained concealed within the walls of the Vatican only observed by papal eyes until its revelation in the year 2000. Father Colin Michener, papal secretary to present pope Clement XV has served the former Cardinal of Cologne faithfully for years. They forged a father son relationship and Michener was concerned by the popes behavior. Pope Clement had been spending an inordinate amount of time in the Riserva, a Vatican library whose contents were reserved for papal use only. Clement was a progressive pope altering rather than sticking to the old doctrines of the Vatican. Vatican Secretary of State Italian Cardinal Valendrea was at odds with Pope Clement. Having narrowly lost the papacy in the last conclave, Valendrea with lofty aspirations to become pope, favored a return to the principles of the past. Valendrea was a corrupt man using eavesdropping devices he had installed in the Vatican to keep members of the college of cardinals in line. Pope Clement became aware that the third secret of Fatima stored in the Reserva seemed incomplete. He recruited Father Michener to discover the missing segment of the secret by travelling to Romania to speak with a Father Tibor, the original translator of the account of the peasant girl Lucia.

[Warning: SPOILERS ahead] This is a good read. It moves along at a fast pace, it deals with a real-life mystery (because the prophecy, when revealed in 2000, really didn't seem inflammatory

enough to justify being kept secret for so long), and the wealth of detail about Vatican politics and procedures - however much of it may be accurate - is fascinating. I'd recommend it to anyone who wants mystery and excitement, in a book that's hard to put down, with some history lessons and thought-provoking controversy thrown in. But there are a couple of irritants. First, the writing style. Why does so much of the novel have to be written in the pluperfect tense? We are constantly reading 'he'd done this' or 'she'd said that', and the effect is that most of the book seems to be a series of recollections. A few flashbacks are fine, but this is overdone. And breaking up the narrative so that we switch back and forward between characters, each time leaving one at a cliffhanger moment, is a standard technique, but again, it becomes tiresome when it is done so repetitively. You feel like you're watching a TV show that has too many commercial breaks. Second, the endorsement of abortion in Mary's messages is done in a heavy-handed way that makes you wonder if it was a last minute addition. 'Hey, I've got away with having the Mother of God endorse priestly marriage, female priests, and homosexuality (though I think Berry is a bit ambivalent about that one - see below), maybe I can throw abortion in as well'. The desirability of priests being free to marry was well set up in the plot, but abortion just comes out of left field at the last minute.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Crime Fiction Books: - My Wife's Li'l Secret (FREE KU ROMANTIC SUSPENSE NEW RELEASE THRILLER MYSTERY PSYCHOLOGICAL SUSPENSE ACTION MURDER): A husband determined ... & deceit (The Girl on Fire Series Book 3) Third Eye: Awakening Your Third Eye Chakra: Beginner's Guide (Third Eye, Third Eye Chakra, Third Eye Awakening, Chakras) Third Eye: Third Eye Activation Secrets (Third Eye Awakening, Pineal Gland, Third Eye Chakra, Open Third Eye) The Third Secret: A Novel of Suspense Sinner's Paradise (Sexy BWWM Romantic Suspense) (Tate Valley Sexy Suspense Series Book 3) Now or Never (Sexy BWWM Romantic Suspense) (Tate Valley Sexy Suspense Series Book 1) Chasing Forever (Sexy BWWM Romantic Suspense) (Tate Valley Sexy Suspense Series Book 2) New Year Island: A Psychological Suspense Survival Thriller (Northern California Suspense Thrillers Book 1) Revenge Romance: The Journey's Crossroad (Book Two) + Bonus Book (Historical Christian Suspense) (Historical Christian Suspense Revenge Romance: The Journey's Crossroad (Book 2) + Bonus Book!) Third Twin: A Novel of Suspense The Husband's Secret: Novel By Liane Moriarty -- An Amazing Summary! (The Husband's Secret-- An Incredible Summary-- Audio, Audiobook, Paperback, Novel) RISE of the MACHINES: Secret Weapons, Secret Wars, & Secret Agendas My Secret Bodyguard Series Boxed Set: New Adult Romantic Suspense Third Eye Awakening: The Ultimate Guide on How to Open Your Third Eye Chakra to Experience Higher Consciousness and a State of Enlightenment (Third Eye, Pineal

Gland, Chakra, Kundalini) Moonblink: A Suspense Thriller (A Zoo Crew Novel Book 5) Going Down: A Billionaire BDSM Erotic Romantic Suspense Novel (Divemasters Book 1) The Slush Pile Brigade: An Action-Packed Suspense Thriller (A Nick Lassiter Novel Book 1) A New Don: A Bad Boy Mafia Romance (Romantic Suspense Novel) Prey of Desire: A Mystery - Suspense Novel Material Witness: a Romantic Suspense Novel (Heroes of Providence Book 1)

[Dmca](#)