



The Pope and Mussolini: The Secret History of Pius XI and the Rise of Fascism in Europe (Paperback)

By Professor David I Kertzer

Random House Trade, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 155 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. PULITZER PRIZE WINNER From National Book Award finalist David I. Kertzer comes the gripping story of Pope Pius XI's secret relations with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini. This groundbreaking work, based on seven years of research in the Vatican and Fascist archives, including reports from Mussolini's spies inside the highest levels of the Church, will forever change our understanding of the Vatican's role in the rise of Fascism in Europe. The Pope and Mussolini tells the story of two men who came to power in 1922, and together changed the course of twentieth-century history. In most respects, they could not have been more different. One was scholarly and devout, the other thuggish and profane. Yet Pius XI and Il Duce had many things in common. They shared a distrust of democracy and a visceral hatred of Communism. Both were prone to sudden fits of temper and were fiercely protective of the prerogatives of their office. (We have many interests to protect, the Pope declared, soon after Mussolini seized control of the government in 1922.) Each relied on...



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