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## Editorial Review

Review

***New York Times* Paperback Row**

**One of *Vulture's* "7 Books You Need to Read this November"**

**Included on the *Los Angeles Times's* "Holiday Books Roundup"**

**One of *Bloomberg Business's* "Eight Books for Your Holiday Reading"**

**One of *The Millions* "Most Anticipated" from the Second Half of 2015**

**One of the *Sun Herald's* "Ten noteworthy fiction and nonfiction titles on the way"**

**December 2015 Indie Next Pick**

"Witty and wry...slim in pages but plump in satire about modern Italy...it's hard not to be charmed by the zest of the author."—Tom Rachman, *New York Times Book Review*

"Frequently imitated for his amalgamation of intellect, conspiracism, and historical suspense, the author of *In the Name of the Rose* takes a more contemporary and satirical turn. In 1992, as Italy works to cleanse itself of corruption, a hack journalist is hired to ghostwrite a memoir about a never-to-be-published gossip rag in order to cover up the real rationale for its fakery. Eco's warped parable is rooted in a very specific time and place, but readers of Elena Ferrante or Rachel Kushner will likely catch the barbs in his clever absurdities."—*Vulture (New York)*, "7 Books You Need to Read this November"

"Colonna, the struggling ghostwriter at the heart of this story, is transfixed by a juicy scoop: that Mussolini was not killed by partisans in 1945, as most believe, but instead survived in hiding. This sly satire, borrowing from outrageous real-life Italian politics, features a larger-than-life leader, conspiracy theories and an almost-corrupt press."—*New York Times*, Paperback Row

"Numero Zero [is]...a smart puzzle and a delight."—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred

"Eco combines his delight in suspense with astute political satire in this brainy, funny, neatly lacerating thriller.... Eco's caustically clever, darkly hilarious, dagger-quick tale of lies, crimes, and collusions condemns the shameless corruption and greed undermining journalism and governments everywhere. A satisfyingly scathing indictment brightened by resolute love." --*Booklist*

From the Inside Flap

**From the best-selling author of *The Name of the Rose*, an enthralling new conspiracy thriller**

1945, Lake Como. Mussolini and his mistress are captured and shot by local partisans. The precise circumstances of Il Duce's death remain controversial.

1992, Milan. Colonna, a depressed hack writer, is offered a fee he can't resist to ghostwrite a book. His subject: a fledgling newspaper, which happens to be financed by a powerful media magnate. As Colonna gets to know the team, he learns of the editor's paranoid theory that Mussolini's corpse was a body double and part of a wider Fascist plot. It's the scoop the newspaper desperately needs. The evidence? He's working on it.

It's all there: media hoaxes, Mafiosi, the CIA, the Pentagon, blackmail, love, gossip, and murder. A clash of

forces that have shaped Italy since World War II from Mussolini to Berlusconi. Farcical, serious, satiric, and tragic (*Le Point*, France), *Numero Zero* is the work of a master storyteller.

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From the Back Cover

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"One of the most influential thinkers of our time." *Los Angeles Times*

Once the reader gets on the Eco carousel it's hard to get off. *New York Times*

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