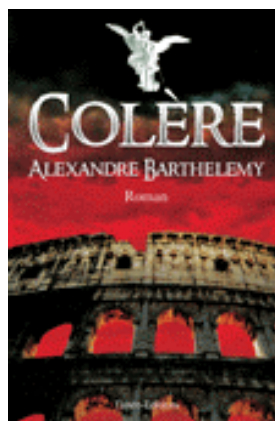


Wrath

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The Book

At the heart of the Vatican, while Rome collapses, four men only, can still save the Holy See



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"Whoever would be so daring as to raise a hand on Rome would be guilty of matricide before the civilized world and before the eternal judgments of God." Pie XII (1944)

Brief description

May 6th 1527: In its last startle of pride, Rome prepares itself to confront, in a final combat, Charles V and his imperial troops.

The Pope, Clement VII, constrained in the castle of Saint-Angelo, is made prisoner. More than twelve thousand men devote their lives to the siege. The plague follows the massacre to devastate an already dying population.

Whereas alliances are mantled and dismantled around the pope, invaders and besieged face another menace. A creature, a "monster" according to some, cruelly decimates anyone seeming as an obstacle to it.

Already 500 imperial troops have been the subject to such cruelty. Even worse: the one who signs his deeds under the name of "God's forgotten one" now attempts to murder the pope.

Ties between Charles V and Clement VII emerge in a secret alliance to eradicate evil. Four men, which everything sets apart, will be given the mission to eliminate the monster. Andreas Muller, the Swiss Guard, Bartolommeo Martinez the priest, Giuseppe Capodistria the harquebusier, and the knight Rudolf Bormann will unite their strength toward a same goal, or so they believe...

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Alexandre Bathelémy is 32 years old. He is the author of *That your reign comes*. He offers, with *Wrath*, a brilliant novel plunging the reader in the midst of Rome's destruction and the secrets of the Vatican.