

Fifty years ago the corpse was returned to the family

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From Cerro Maggiore to Predappio: Benito Mussolini's last "journey"

Where did Benito Mussolini's corpse disappear after Piazzale Loreto?

For eleven years the Italian Republic kept it hidden from enemies and Neofascists, using the monastery of Capuchin friars in Cerro Maggiore (Milan).

The author, Fabio Bonacina, carried on a useful historical investigation to discover the mishaps suffered by the dictator's remains in the years following his death.

He followed the events through documents and several testimonies from people who lived those years as protagonists or simple witnesses, and through the many postcards with the images relevant to those events.

At the time, newspapers wrote about stolen cars, police transports with false number plates, medium and seances, ancient tombs used as temporary storage yards, parish registers with pages torn out, counterfeit money. And then, a mix of hypothesis and "certainty", later revealed wrong.

All that about a famous corpse.

It might seem a good detective story, but it is, instead, the chronicle and the story of what remained, after the Liberation, of Benito Mussolini.

"On the occasion of the anniversary -the editor, Valeria Vaccari, explains- we have decided to publish this work again. The first edition of 2004 has obtained great success and is sold out. More readers will have the possibility to know about the events, which seem quite incredible today. Recently, even a play, «Dux in scatola» by Daniele Timpano, was based on the book".

The volume, 192 pages, contains several black and white illustrations; its price is 15.00 euro.

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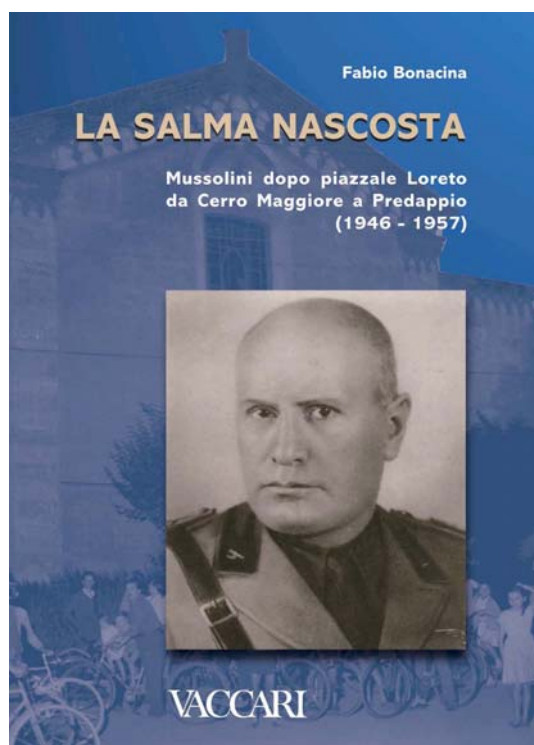
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