



In the Company of the Courtesan by Sarah Dunant

1527. While the Papal city of Rome burns – brutally sacked by an invading army including Protestant heretics – two of her most interesting and wily citizens' slip away, their stomachs churning on the jewels they have swallowed as the enemy breaks down the doors. Though almost as damaged as their beloved city, Fiammetta Bianchini and Bucino Teodoldi – a fabulous courtesan and her dwarf companion – are already planning their future.....in Venice.