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Italian novelist and theorist Umberto Eco. He is an Italian semiotician, essayist, philosopher, literary critic, and novelist, best known for his novel *The Name of the Rose* (*Il nome della rosa*, 1980), an intellectual mystery combining semiotics in fiction, biblical analysis, medieval studies and literary theory. He has also written academic texts, children's books and many essays. Eco is the founder of the Dipartimento di Comunicazione at the University of San Marino, President of the Scuola Superiore di Studi Umanistici, University of Bologna, member of the Accademia dei Lincei (since November 2010) and an Honorary Fellow of Kellogg College, University of Oxford. His 2011 novel *The Prague Cemetery* was a best-seller.

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