Inferno is a 2013 mystery thriller novel by American writer Dan Brown, the fourth book in his Robert Langdon series. Florence Inferno. Symbols and places mentioned in Dan Brown’s novel Inferno, and much more about Florence. Facebook Twitter Google+ Pinterest YouTube Tumblr TripAdvisor. Home. Inferno: A Novel. Dan Brown. This book is a work of fiction. Names, characters, businesses, organizations, places, events, and incidents either are the product of the author’s imagination or are used fictitiously. Inferno is the underworld as described in Dante Alighieri’s epic poem The Divine Comedy, which portrays hell as an elaborately structured realm populated by entities known as “shades” – bodiless souls trapped between life and death. PROLOGUE. I am the Shade. Inferno is a 2013 mystery thriller novel, the sixth by renowned American author Dan Brown and the fourth book in his Robert Langdon series, following Angels & Demons, The Da Vinci Code and The Lost Symbol. The book was released on May 14, 2013 by Doubleday. It was number one on the New York Times Best Seller list for hardcover fiction and Combined Print & E-book fiction for the first eight weeks of its release, and also remained on the list of E-book fiction for the first eight weeks of its release.