



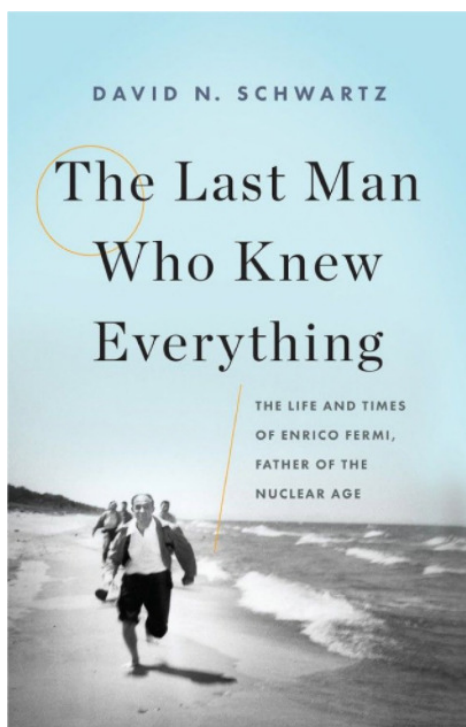
## June 26, 1959: plane crash

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Enrico's sister Maria outlived him, but not by much. She spent most of her life in the house built by her father in Via Monginevro, having been widowed early by the death of her husband, Renato Sacchetti, who died of influenza. She had three children - Gabriella, Giorgio, and Ida - and was in regular correspondence with Laura after Enrico's death. She died in a plane crash on June 26, 1959, on her way to a conference on contemporary Italian literature to which Laura had invited her. She is buried in the cemetery in the village of Olgiate Olona, just northwest of Milan, where the aircraft went down - apparently according to wishes she had previously expressed to be buried where she died.