



# *The Bowels of Christ*



Acclaim for Graham Lironi's first novel:

"An intelligent, original and disturbing new voice in Scottish fiction. I look forward to seeing where he'll go next." A.L. Kennedy

"A disturbing, challenging and often bizarre story . . . Here is fiction which deals with elemental issues, which is not didactic but which rather challenges its readership concerning truth and the deeper meaning and purpose of life itself . . . this book is worth seeking out." *Life & Work*

"A powerful book, which is also easy to read. A twisting tale of teenage sex, lies and hillwalking, and the reader is left to answer the question, 'Did this really happen?' An excellent first novel from award-winning journalist, Graham Lironi." *East Lothian Life*

"Juggling questions of faith and reason, redemption and retribution, Graham Lironi's first novel, *The Bowels of Christ*, journeys from the Barras to the Alps, from East Kilbride to Rome (via Cupar) incorporating incest, mistaken identity, bizarre violent death and mathematical analyses of emotions and relationships, ending with a quotation from Oliver Cromwell . . .

"Written in a style that combines terse realism, oblique semi-grotesque and pedantic abstraction, the novel traces, anti-chronologically, the parallel stories of two sets of twins and their parents, a tale of grievous betrayals and arbitrary comeuppances . . ." *Scotsman*

"The fractal, disjointed universe explored by [artists] Gordon, Borland and Buchanan – variously inwardly observing, sordid, erotic and confrontational, is that defined by writers such as Irvine Welsh, Frank Kuppner and Graham Lironi . . . Take this line from Lironi's recently published *The Bowels of Christ*: 'Cathedrals and mountains share the potential to raise awareness of the transient nature of existence. Silence plays a crucial role in both instances' . . ." *Scotland on Sunday*

"A haunting and original piece of work, a cult book in the making." *The Herald*

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