

The First Silence

The Reliquary of Iona

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LITERARY THRILLER

The first language, once spoken by all humanity, was lost at Babel. Can it be recovered?

Daniel, a graduate student at Trinity College Dublin, has built his life around ancient languages and questions of faith. Under the guidance of the brilliant and enigmatic Professor Ashcroft, he uncovers traces of a primordial tongue: not a language that slowly disappeared as mankind evolved, but one that seems to have vanished in a moment.

The search leads from Trinity's libraries to the hidden archives of the Vatican and, at last, to Iona, where the legacy of cryptic monks may hold the final clue. But studying evil offers no protection from it, or from those who may be hunting the same secrets.

The First Silence is a literary thriller about forbidden knowledge, hidden Vatican archives, and the perilous distance between seeking truth and trying to possess it.

“Michael Morris has written an engaging novel that beautifully unites faith, history, and the search for truth.”

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