



Tales of Don Roberto

WITH JAMIE JAUNCEY

“Jamie Jauncey brings the astonishing Robert Cunninghame Graham to life before our eyes. It’s a truly marvellous story, which has now found its ideal storyteller.”

*Donald Smith, Director,
Scottish International
Storytelling Festival*

“A deeply personal yet sweeping and informative portrait of one of the most flamboyant characters of recent Scottish history. How can we have forgotten someone so extraordinary and so relevant to our own times as Don Roberto?”

*James Robertson,
Novelist*

RB Cunninghame Graham, Scotland’s “forgotten” literary and political legend

ARISTOCRAT, POLITICIAN, WRITER, STORYTELLER, HORSEMAN, ADVENTURER, SOCIALIST, HUMANITARIAN

Writer **Jamie Jauncey** grew up with stories from the extraordinary life of his flamboyant great-great-uncle, RB Cunninghame Graham (1852-1936), famously known as DON ROBERTO.

But who really was **Don Roberto**, and what was it like to have such a figure as part of the family backdrop?

“When I think of you, I feel as though I have lived all my life in a dark hole without seeing or knowing anything,” wrote his friend **Joseph Conrad** – and with good cause.

Gaicho and revolutionary conscript in **Argentina**, rancher and buffalo hunter in **Texas**, fencing master in **Mexico**, held to ransom by a **Moroccan** sheikh ... the first ever **Socialist** Member of Parliament, arrested and gaoled for rioting on **Bloody Sunday** ... co-founder with **Keir Hardie** of the **Scottish Labour Party** ... founding president

of the **Scottish National Party** ... champion of underdogs, crusader for social justice and freedom of speech ... known as the **Scottish Maupassant**, fêted as one of the finest writers of his generation ... friend of **Wells, Wilde, Shaw, Chesterton, Hudson, Masfield** ... painted by **Lavery**, sculpted by **Epstein** ... and directly descended from **King Robert II** of Scotland ... it would be impossible to make him up today.

Jamie’s talk weaves together tales from Don Roberto’s remarkable life with a look at the role mythical family figures play in our own lives.

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An illustrated talk of variable length – typically 50 minutes, or 90 minutes with interval.

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