

## On My Honour

One man's lifelong struggle to clear his name

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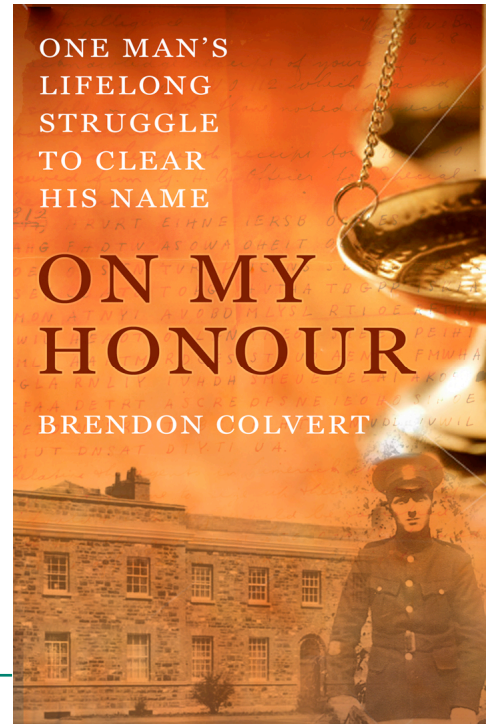
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### Key Note

The astonishing true story of former Garda Superintendent William Geary, a founding member of the Garda Síochána, who was unjustly dismissed from the developing force in 1928 for allegedly accepting IRA bribes.

### Selling Points

\* Based on new primary sources of evidence including secret diary reports and personal correspondence with Geary

The story received national media attention in 1999 when Minister for Justice John O'Donoghue gave Geary a full State pension and restored his good name

\* Explores the founding of An Garda Síochána with a foreword by Conor Brady, former editor of 'The Irish Times'.

### Description

Superintendent William Geary was unjustly dismissed by the Irish Executive Council on 25 June 1928 contrary to his legal rights under Police Rules, Statutory Law and the Irish Constitution; he was a resourceful Officer and a thorn in the side of the armed anti-Treaty IRA who, as an alternative to assassination, deceived the Garda Commissioner into believing that he had taken a bribe for secret internal information.

He campaigned for 70 years to establish his innocence but the Irish government officials evaded responsibility by prevarication, conspiracy and deceit. This David and Goliath struggle shows how one man of courage and conviction can triumph over wickedness.

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