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the high walls of Ireland's institutions

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# IRELAND AND THE MAGDALENE LAUNDRIES: A CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE

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**A book written in response to Magdalene survivors' appeal that the public know and learn from the abuses they experienced so that what happened to them can never be forgotten.**

This book offers an overview of the Justice for Magdalenes campaign and the ongoing efforts to advance public knowledge and research into the Magdalene Laundries.

It highlights how the Irish State continues to evade its responsibilities to survivors and its failure to acknowledge the abuses in these institutions.

Drawing from a range of primary sources, the book reveals the fundamental flaws in the Irish State's investigation of the laundries.

It categorically disproves the McAleese Report's claim that all 155 women exhumed from High Park Magdalene Laundry are now accounted for.

All source materials are available in an archive on the JFMR website:

<http://jfmresearch.com>

In the name of the girls and women held in the Magdalene Laundries, all authors' royalties are being donated to the charity [Empowering People in Care \(EPIC\)](#).

## BOOK REVIEWS

*...one of the greatest acts of truth-telling in the recent history of Ireland. ... In helping the survivors to reclaim their dignity, this indispensable book also helps the rest of us to reclaim the true meaning of shared citizenship and common humanity.*

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*Irish Times* Journalist & Orwell Prize winner

*This brave book is an archive of an unfinished movement, a survey of the continuing harms of so-called 'historical abuse', and a set of demands for law reform and political change. ... it is an important challenge to official histories...*

**MÁIRÉAD ENRIGHT**

University of Birmingham

*It is impossible to describe the toxic fog of shame, distortion and indifference these writers worked through so the truth of the Magdalene Laundries could be seen in a proper light. No one wanted to know. They are my heroes.*

**ANNE ENRIGHT**

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