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## McCartney sister reveals all

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By Stephen Breen

The campaigning sister of Belfast murder victim Robert 'Gentle Giant' McCartney is set to publish a book on her family's fight for justice.

The publication - entitled 'Walls of Silence' - has been written by the murder victim's sister, Catherine, with the full-support of her family.

Although the 320-page book will focus on the family's high-profile campaign in the months after the 33-year-old's brutal killing, it will contain a number of new revelations about the IRA and Sinn Fein's role in the murder and its cover-up.

The book - set to be published in October - also goes on to explain how:

- her family was plunged into turmoil after the 2005 killing;
- they were ignored by life-long friends;
- the Catholic Church had an "indifferent" response to the murder;
- individual priests refused to fight against Provo intimidation and how;
- her family exploded the myth of republican denials over the killing.

Ms McCartney told Sunday Life how the book is part of her family's campaign for justice.

Said the Belfast teacher: "We just felt the truth about Robert's murder had to be told.

"We want to let people know how my brother was murdered by people who he grew up with - people from his own community. The book focuses on the trauma of what we have been through as a family who have lost a loved one in such a brutal fashion.

"But it was also a way for us to highlight the cover-up of what took place and how the IRA and Sinn Fein played a central role in this.

"This book is subjective, but it shows the way our family looked at my brother's murder. There was, and still is, a wall of silence over Robert's murder and people have to realise this. Our campaign will continue until everyone who was involved in Robert's murder and the clean-up operation is brought before the courts."

It is also understood that Channel 4 is set to make a film on the controversial killing.

The film is being produced by Hat-Trick productions, but it is not clear who will be starring in the drama.

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