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## McCourt says help is available for critics of Ashes

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**CELEBRATED** author Frank McCourt dismissed his detractors with a throwaway remark in Limerick.

The New York-born author was here to address a marketing

lunch and said the Limerick critics of Angela's Ashes were few.

"I think that help is available for them," he added.

"That remark must be meant for me," said Paddy Malone, who tore the book into pieces in front of Mr McCourt.

"The only help I need from Mr McCourt is for him to tell the truth about the people he wrote about in his book and his own neighbours," said Mr Malone, who sat beside the author in third class at Leamy's School.

"He already acknowl-

edged one glaring error by accepting that one of the boys who was supposed to be looking at his sister's naked body had no sister," said Mr Malone, from Old Clare Street.

His own family lived four doors away from the McCourt's in

Schoolhouse Lane at one time and the McCourt's later moved into the same house they had lived in at Barrack Hill when the Malone's were offered a flat in Bowman Street.

"Frank McCourt's mother Angela was a friend of my own moth-

er's and was a nice woman. The neighbours at Barrack Hill would sit on their doorsteps during the summer nights 'till 2 o'clock in the morning talking with each other," he said. "We were very happy. But Frank McCourt just has a grudge," he added.