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Malachy McCourt attacks his brother Frank's 'begrudgers'

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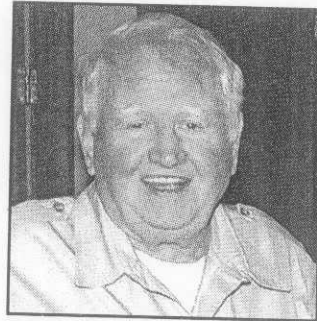
MALACHY McCourt, the younger brother of the late Angela's Ashes author, has attacked some of his brother's "begrudgers" in Limerick in a special tribute for the Limerick Leader, which will be published in this week's County and City editions.

In the lengthy tribute to his Pulitzer Prize winning brother, Malachy states that Frank's death on July 19 last

brought "an avalanche of publicity and memories of great times, but also memories of insult and slander by some Limerick begrudgers".

Describing those who sought to discredit Angela's Ashes and its author, he writes: "Ignorant people forever trapped in the slime of their own decomposing minds, devoid of anything resembling humanity, never let up on their attacks on my brother."

Malachy McCourt, 77, also an established writer, who



Malachy McCourt

unsuccessfully ran for election to be Governor of New York in 2006, said his brother "envied no one, least of all insecure actors, gossips, half-wits, hypocrites, thieving plagiarists."

Mr McCourt said Limerick shaped his brother's life for "better or worse" and paid tribute to him for taking on a parental role in the family, due to their own father's alcoholism.

"He was a smallish fellow with brown eyes, black hair and somewhat sallow, like my

father, giving rise to the suspicion that there was Protestant blood somewhere due to the fact that said father was from the North.

"Scabby eyes were the morning agony for Frank as they had to be practically boiled open every morning and somehow he had to get the bit of bread, the drop of tea, a slight of milk for our sumptuous breakfast and get us off to school. Not many people become a parent at aged ten," he writes.

Limerick is set to honour

Frank McCourt in late October or November, when some of his ashes are expected to be buried near his former national school, Leamy's on Hartstonge Street.

New York will also honour the author with a public ceremony on Broadway on October 6, which thousands of people are expected to attend.

See our weekend editions for Malachy McCourt's full tribute to his brother.

Killers of Det Garda Jerry McCabe freed after 10 years in jail

By DAVID HURLEY



TWO men convicted of killing Det Garda Jerry McCabe in 1996 were released from prison this Wednesday morning after more than a decade behind bars for his manslaughter.

Pearse McAuley, 44,

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