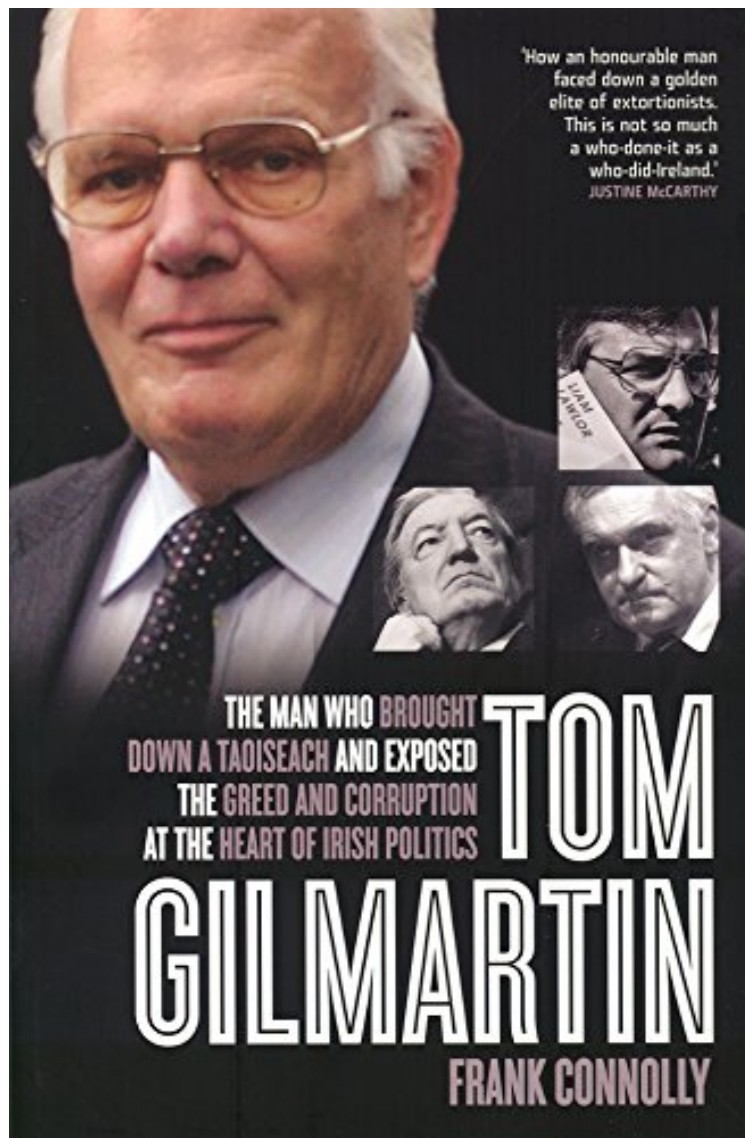


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A successful property developer in England, Tom Gilmartin had ambitious plans for major retail developments in Dublin in the late 1980s. Little did he know that in order to do business in Dublin, senior politicians and public officials would want a slice of the action: in large amounts of cash. Gilmartin blew the whistle on corruption at the heart of government and the city's planning system, and the fallout from his claims ultimately led to the resignation of the Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, in 2008. The developer, who died in November 2013, was thoroughly vindicated in the final report of the Mahon Tribunal in March 2012. This is a compelling narrative of official wrongdoing and abuse of office. It exposes the roots of the political and financial disaster that has wreaked havoc in the lives of so many Irish people.

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