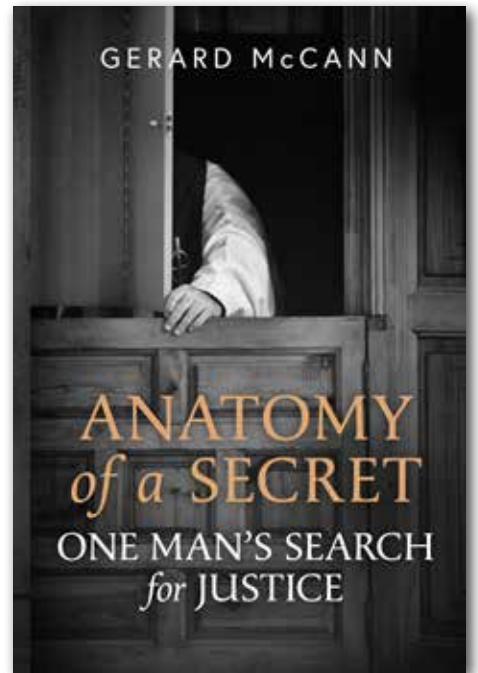


ANATOMY *of a* SECRET

by GERARD McCANN



‘A profoundly important and moving testimony, *Anatomy of a Secret* is told with the kind of clear-eyed courage, wisdom and compassion that can only come from the deepest loss. This book will never leave me.’

Emily Bitto

ABOUT THE BOOK

Raw and compelling, *Anatomy of a Secret* bravely shares long-silenced, unspoken truths.

As a boy, Gerard was sexually abused by a Catholic priest at his local church. As a grown man, he confronts the trauma of what he suffered and the psychological aftermath of his experience, grappling with shame, guilt and the devastating impact it had on his family, relationships and sense of self.

Despite what he endured, Gerard’s story is one of hope and healing, of acknowledging pain and seeking support, of honesty and justice.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gerard McCann grew up in Cottesloe, the second of five boys in a staunchly Catholic family. He studied architecture and developed his own practice focused on heritage architecture. After a sabbatical in 2012, he was compelled to write his memoir, which developed into an exploration of clerical sexual abuse and its far-reaching consequences.



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- A compelling memoir that reveals the author’s childhood sexual abuse at the hands of a priest – and his determination to uncover the truth about his perpetrator and the Catholic Church’s lack of justice for other victims.
- This courageous account of the personal toll of seeking justice from the Catholic Church is nevertheless one of hope, healing and persistence.
- This memoir was shortlisted for the City of Fremantle Hungerford Award in 2022.

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