

DR RUTH DUDLEY EDWARDS: Curriculum Vitae

- Education:** University College, Dublin;
Girton and Wolfson Colleges, Cambridge University
- Professional qualifications:** B.A., M.A., D.Litt (History)
- Awards:** National University of Ireland: Travelling Studentship Prize (1968);
Prize for Irish Historical Research (1978 — for *Patrick Pearse*);
James Tait Black Memorial Prize for Biography (1988 — for *Victor Gollancz*)
CrimeFest Last Laugh Award (2008 for *Murdering Americans*)
- Employment:** Tutor in History (University College, Dublin) 1964–5;
Lecturer in History and English (Further Education institutions in Cambridge) 1965–67;
Marketing Executive in Data Communications (Post Office) 1970–74;
Principal, Department of Industry (British Civil Service) 1975–9;
Freelance author 1979– ;
Company historian of *The Economist* 1982–2000;
Freelance journalist and broadcaster since 1994: I have written for most major newspapers in Ireland and Britain — particularly the *Daily Mail*, the *Daily Telegraph*, *The Independent*, *The Irish Times*, the *Sunday Independent* and the *Belfast Telegraph* — and have appeared frequently on BBC and RTE radio and television.
- Other positions: Chairwoman, British Association for Irish Studies 1985–1993;
Member, Executive Committee of the British-Irish Association 1982–93;
Member, Executive Committee of the Crime Writers' Association 1995–8;
Member of Management Committee of the Society of Authors 1996–9;
Elected to Detection Club 1996
- Published books:**
- Non-fiction:** *An Atlas of Irish History* (1973, 1981, 2005)
Patrick Pearse: the triumph of failure (1977 and 2006)
James Connolly (1981)
Harold Macmillan: a life in pictures (1983)
Victor Gollancz: a biography (1987)
The Pursuit of Reason: The Economist 1843–1993 (1993)
The Best of Bagehot (1993)
True Brits: Inside the Foreign Office (1994)
The Faithful Tribe: an intimate portrait of the loyal institutions (1999)
(Shortlisted for Channel 4/*The House* Political Book of the Year)
Newspapermen: Hugh Cudlipp, Cecil King and the Glory Days of Fleet Street (2003)
Aftermath: the Omagh bombing and the families' pursuit of justice (2009)

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- Articles in books:**
- 'Ecclesiastical appointments in the province of Tuam, 1399–1477' in *Archivium Hibernicum*, XXXIII, (1975)
 - 'Victor Gollancz' in *Dictionary of Business Biography* (1984)
 - 'Confessions of an Irish Revisionist' in Eric Homberger and John Charmley (eds), *The Troubled Face of Biography* (1988)
 - 'James Wilson, editor and statesman' in Charles Walker (ed) *A Legacy of Scots* (1988)
 - 'Ruth Dudley Edwards' in Rita Wall, *Leading Lives: Irish women in Britain* (1991)
 - 'Connolly and Pearse, deux sacrifices' in Patrick Rafroidi, Pierre Joannon et Maurice Goldring (eds), *Dublin, 1904–1924* (1991)
 - 'James Connolly' and 'Patrick Henry Pearse' in *Dictionary of National Biography: Missing Persons* (1993)
 - 'Unanswerable brilliance', in Peter Kirwin (ed.), *A Tribute to England 1694–1994* (1994)
 - 'Following Conor' in Richard English and Joseph Morrison Skelly, *Ideas Matter: essays in honour of Conor Cruise O'Brien* (1998)
 - 'Peace at any price' in Flannery and Cannon (eds.), *Pens for Peace* (2001)
 - 'John A. Murphy' with Una O'Donoghue in Tom Dunne and Lawrence M. Geary (eds), *History and the Public Sphere: Essays in Honour of John A. Murphy* (2005)
 - 'James Connolly', 'Jill Neville', 'Patrick Pearse' and 'James Wilson' in *Dictionary of National Biography* (2005)
 - 'The Outsider', *Britain and Ireland: Lives Entwined II* (British Council, 2006)
 - 'Mrs Markievicz', in Myles Dungan (ed.), *Speaking ill of the dead* (2007)
 - 'Alfred Harmsworth', 'Geraldine Harmsworth', 'Brian Inglis', 'Cecil King' and 'Lucas King' in *Dictionary of Irish Biography* (2009)
- Fiction: books**
- Corridors of Death* (1981) (shortlisted for Crime Writers' Association Best First Novel award)
 - The Saint Valentine's Day Murders* (1984)
 - The School of English Murder* (1990)
 - Clubbed to Death* (1992) (shortlisted for CWA Last Laugh Award)
 - Matricide at St Martha's* (1994)
 - Ten Lords A-Leaping* (1995) (shortlisted for CWA Last Laugh Award)
 - Murder in a Cathedral* (1996)
 - Publish and be Murdered* (1998)
 - The Anglo-Irish Murders* (2000)
 - Carnage on the Committee* (2004)
 - Murdering Americans* (2007) (CrimeFest Last Laugh Award)
- Fiction: short stories**
- 'Father Brown in Muncie, Indiana', in Patricia Craig (ed.), *The Oxford Book of Detective Stories* (2000) and Maxim Jakubowski (ed.), *The Mammoth Book of Comic Crime* (2002)
 - 'Death by the invisible hand' in *The Economist*, 21 December 1996
- Journalism:** For recent journalism, see www.ruthdudleyedwards.com
- Works in progress:** Fiction: *Killing the Emperors*