

DOWNPATRICK, IRELAND, August 22, 2014 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Johnny McClintock's War is the story of one man's struggle to maintain his faith in spite of everything life throws at him.

As the outbreak of the First World War looms closer, John Henry McClintock, a northern Irish Protestant by upbringing, meets Rose Flanagan, a Catholic, at a gospel tent mission - and falls in love with her.

When Johnny enlists and sets off to fight in the War he finds himself surrounded by death and tragedy, which pushes his trust in God to the limit. After more than five years absence he returns home to a bitter, war torn Ireland, where both he and Rose are seen as traitors to their own sides.

John Henry and Rose manage to overcome all opposition and, finally, marry. But a few years later comes the hardest blow of all. Can John Henry still hang on to his faith in God?

Born and brought up in north Belfast, a graduate of QUB, Gerry McCullough has had a distinguished reputation as a successful short story writer for many years - with stories, poems and articles published regularly in magazines and many anthologies in Ireland, UK and USA, and broadcast on BBC Radio Ulster.

In 2005 she won the Curt International Literary Award in Galway, Ireland, for her short story, Primroses, and has also been shortlisted for the 2008 Brian Moore Award, (Belfast), and commended in the 2009 Sean O'Faolain Award, (Cork).

Johnny McClintock's War is currently #1 on Amazon.com's Hot New Releases chart for Historical Irish Fiction. This is Gerry's fifth adult novel, following on the success of Belfast Girls, Danger Danger, Angel in Flight and Angel in Belfast - she also has a Young Adult novel published, plus a collection of Irish short stories.

Gerry is married to author and Media Producer, Raymond McCullough, has four adult children and currently lives in Co. Down. Says Gerry of Johnny McClintock's War, "I feel a real sense of achievement now that this book is published - I've been working on it for quite a while. I think it's my most important book so far, and I'm hoping it will be something I'll be remembered for."

"brilliant ... had me captured from the start ... moves at a fair pace throughout"Tom Elder
(Amazon.co.uk)

"a wonderful story ... I do recommend this book"Ann E. (Amazon.com)

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