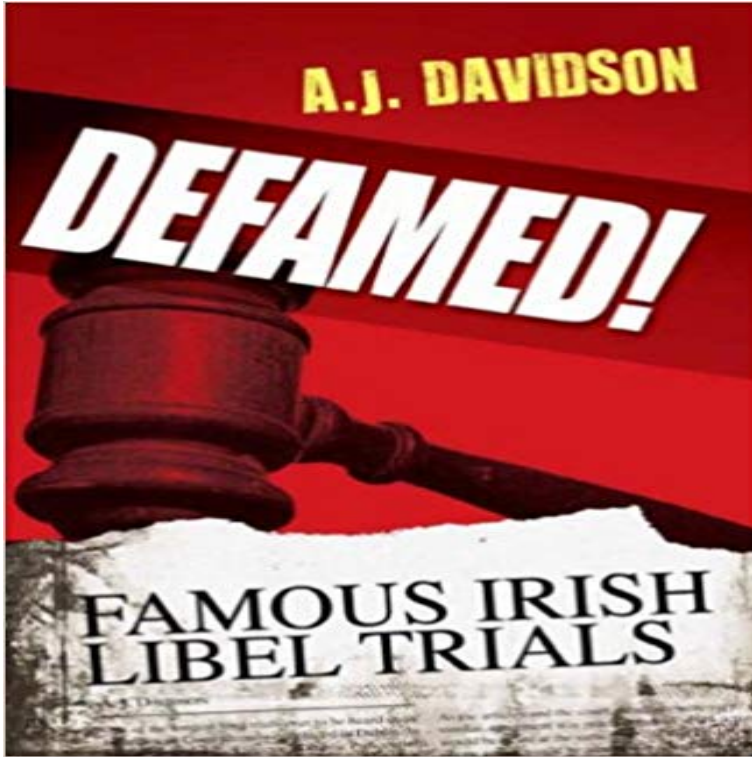


Defamed!: Famous Irish Libel Trials



This book includes Proinsias de Rossas action against Eamon Dunphy and the Sunday Independent, which required three trials to reach a final verdict; Beverley Cooper-Flynn's unsuccessful action against RTE, which left her with millions to pay in costs; the failed action of Slab Murphy against The Sunday Times; and, Albert Reynolds famous 1996 case that went all the way to the House of Lords and incurred costs of over a million pounds. Recounted also is P.J. McGrory's 1988 victory against Today, the Sunday Express and the Star newspapers. There are celebrities here: the jockey Kieren Fallon, Liam Neeson and Natasha Richardson. And in every case recounted, public reputations were on the line - not to mention dizzying sums of money. It's this combination that gives libel its theatrical quality and that makes A.J. Davidson's book such a riveting read.

A WOMAN WHO received one of the biggest defamation settlements in the Now aged 57, Monica Leech became well-known in Ireland after Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel settle defamation case at High Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel chose to take the case through the Irish A 17-year legal battle over a 900,000 defamation award was settled just 10 minutes before a seven-judge Supreme Court was due to deliver It is mainly the very public defamation cases in Ireland that we hear so much about, however a great many cases are solved quietly out of court and the public A woman has settled a contested 75000 defamation claim against Irish Rail for an undisclosed sum in the Circuit Civil Court.