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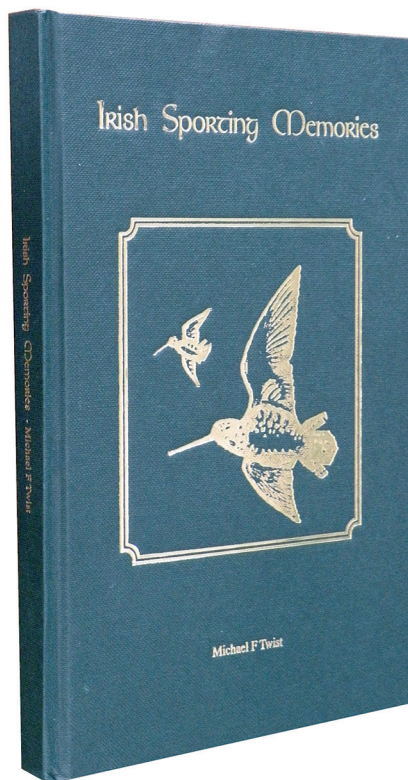
Albert Titterington previews *Irish Sporting Memories* by Michael F Twist - A book that will be an Irish Country Sports classic

Just literally off the printing presses is a book that was many years in "gestation" - the limited edition of *Irish Sporting Memories* by that inveterate story teller the late Michael F Twist. Michael cultivated quite a following for his evocative books on the countryside and dogs and for his informative articles on hunting, shooting and fishing in a wide range of Irish and UK publications.

Michael who was still active picking up and writing in his 87th year faced his death with typical bravery and fortitude and when asked had he any regrets in what had been a long, productive and fruitful life he could identify - only one- that his book on Ireland, where spent what he described as "some of the best years of my life" had not been published. I had no hesitation in suggesting that one of the finest epitaphs for him, to which I could contribute, would be that I would ensure this book was published.

The book is a rich history of hunting shooting and fishing in Ireland as described through the eyes of a real sportsman and accomplished writer. It includes memorable days on Ireland's great lakes, rivers and fisheries; amusing days out in the hunting field; stiff competition at field trials and fantastic and never to be repeated bags of wild game.

The book is produced in the traditional style in a limited edition of 1,000 hard bound in quality green



bukram with gold blocking on cover and spine and a very special edition of 60 leather bound copies produced by myself. It is lavishly illustrated throughout by John Ankers and has a foreword by the late Bobby Ganly and an epilogue by the Marquess Conyngham. These were two of Michael's great sporting companions in Ireland. I am proud to have been involved in this production with Diana who has her own memories of how the author compiled this book.

"I am very fortunate in that many of the tales told in this publication I have heard told time and time again from the lips of the author.

It was an idyllic time in his life, never to be forgotten and in the telling of the tales it has made a lasting impression on my life too.

I am pleased to commend this book to all who are interested in field sports, in Ireland and it's unique character and personalities and to those who simply enjoy a good yarn.

The stories recounted are true and in considering this the reader will understand that my father led a full and varied life during the early years of his time in the Emerald Isle.

The world is a poorer place without him and his lovely wife, my mother, Cynthia."

Diana M F Ewings

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