



David McKittrick, one of the recipients of the Christopher Ewart-Biggs Literary Prize, pictured last night with Kate Ewart-Biggs at the award ceremony. Picture: Aidan Crawley

Book of North dead wins prize

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TRIBUTES were paid last night to the winners of the 16th Christopher Ewart-Biggs Literary Prize, presented by former Taoiseach Dr Garret FitzGerald at the British Ambassador's residence in Dublin.

Lost Lives, subtitled 'The sto-

ries of the men, women and children who died as a result of the Northern Ireland troubles,' took its five authors — David McKittrick, Seamus Kelters, Brian Feeney, Chris Thornton and David McVea — seven years to complete as they chronicled 3,638 violent deaths.

This is the 25th anniversary

of the death of the late British ambassador, Christopher Ewart-Biggs, murdered by a car bomb planted by the IRA.

Announcing the winning book, Dr FitzGerald described it as "an exhaustive work with immense emotional power," adding that it also served "as a memorial to those who died."