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| The End of the World Is a Cul- de-Sac  (2021)  By  Louise Kennedy | The Irish Book Club is a Program of the McClelland Library  Saturday, April 30  10:30 AM – 12:30 PM  The Keep  (Third floor of McClelland Library)  Coffee and Treats will be provided. |

Discussion Guide:

Last month we asked you to read a collection of short stories by Dermot Bolger (Secrets Never Told). This month the selection of short stories is by a woman, Louise Kennedy. While these stories will be discussed individually, we invite you to compare and contrast the techniques of the two writers.

Some things to consider as you read the stories:

* Does the title give you a clue about the thematic center for the stories ?
* What similarities do you find among the stories?
* How important is history to the stories?
* What story (or stories) resonated the most with you?
* Are similar stories told by both Bolger and Kennedy? Note some examples to share.
* Do the two writers use similar techniques?
* Do the stories give clues to the gender of the author?

Looking ahead: The April meeting is the final one in this season of readings. We welcome your suggestions about themes and individual works for next season.