

Book Discussion at the Irish Cultural Center & McClelland Library

Saturday, April 23, 2025

10am-12pm

Located in the Norton Room

## **How to Build a Boat** (2023)

by Elaine Feeney

Elaine Feeney is a Galway author whose works include several selections of poetry. **How to Build a Boat** is her second novel. The novel's action centers around a boat building project in a small Irish village in the west of Ireland.

Family and community relationships are important theme. All three main characters have lost a parent or a significant other.

How do you see Jamie, Tess, and Taig dealing with their losses? What support (or lack of support) do they receive?

The idea of masculinity is explored. What different approaches are explored by a number of the characters?

Consider the location of the novel. Does its location say anything about Irish society and the different approaches different characters take to issues and challenges?