

The Last September (1929) By Elizabeth Bowen	The Irish Cultural Center McClelland Library 1106 N. Central Ave. October 17, 2026 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Norton Room
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Discussion Guide:

--Elizabeth Bowen is an Anglo-Irish writer who spent most of her life in England. She was born in Dublin in 1899. In 1930, she became the first and only woman to inherit Bowen's Court, but she remained in England during WWII, when she worked for the British Ministry of Information. She died in 1973.

--What history lies behind this novel? What clues are given you in the novel?

--The author seems to use architectural features and geography to convey emotions. See if you can locate examples of this aspect.

--Select your favorite character in the novel for a deeper analysis of character and motivations in the novel.

--Does this novel spark an interest in Bowen? Would you read more books by her?

****Note:** Our September discussion involved a full house. Everyone wanted to talk about James Joyce's work, and "side discussions" broke out. Hearing became difficult. Let's all work on the "give-and-take" of good conversations. Take your turn, but make certain that others have their turns.

Looking ahead→→→Our next selection for discussion on December 5 is The Wren, The Wren, by Anne Enright.

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