

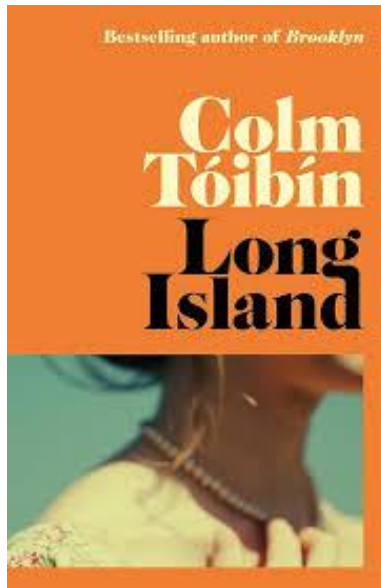


Book Talk

Long Island

by Colm Tóibín

Number of pages: 304



Irish Eilis Lacey is living in Long Island with her Italian-American husband, children and in-laws.

When a shocking betrayal from her husband sends her back to her small town in Ireland, she reconnects with her mother, former best friend Nancy and old flame Jim.

Her return throws everyone's lives into confusion and triggers widespread reflection on love, marriage, duty and regret.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *Brooklyn* or *Nora Webster* by Colm Tóibín, or *Olive Kitteridge* or *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout.

Discussion Questions:

1. Which characters do you think really loved each other?
2. Do you think Eilis's reaction to Tony's affair was fair?

3. Do you think Nancy's choices and actions reasonable under the circumstances?
4. How might Eilis and Tony's relationship been different if they had lived in Ireland, or further from his family?
5. How do you think having access to money allows the characters to make different life choices?
6. What do you believe happened to the characters at the end of the book?

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