

# HISTORY



## Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday\* of the month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

### March's Topic: Irish Independence

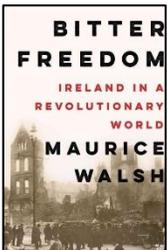
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm \*usually meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

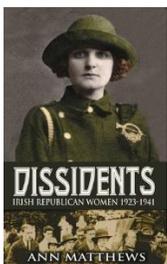
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to Irish Independence. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your choice for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

#### Books:



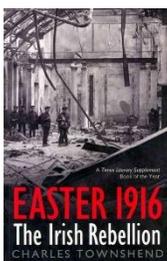
**[Bitter Freedom: Ireland in a Revolutionary World](#) by Maurice Walsh** – 941.508 WAL  
-eAudio on [hoopla](#)\*

The Irish Revolution has long been mythologized in American culture, but seldom understood. For too long, the story of Irish independence and its aftermath has been told only within an Anglo-Irish context. Now, in the critically acclaimed *Bitter Freedom*, journalist Maurice Walsh, with 'a novelist's eye for the illuminating detail of everyday lives in extremis', places revolutionary Ireland in the panorama of the global disorder born of the terrible slaughter of World War I, as well as providing a kaleidoscopic portrait of the human face of the conflict.



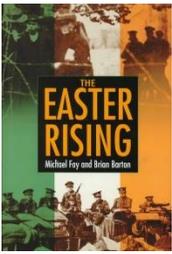
**[Dissidents: Irish Republican Women, 1923-1941](#) by Ann Matthews** – eBook only  
<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11410701>\*

During the War of Independence around 10,000 Irish women were actively involved in the fight for Irish freedom. So why, with the outbreak of Civil War and in the years following this conflict, did the role of women in Irish politics steadily decline until by the early 1940s only a handful of women were involved? *Dissidents* explores the reasons for this decline.



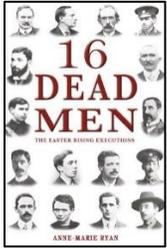
**[Easter 1916: The Irish Rebellion](#) by Charles Townshend** – 941.5082 TOW

Ireland's Easter Rising of 1916 is one of the handful of modern historical events that instantly created its own mythology and changed millions of lives forever. Charles Townshend's remarkable new book vividly re-creates this extraordinary time when a powerful narrative was born and Ireland was launched into a new world.



### **The Easter Rising by Michael Foy and Brian Barton – 941.5 FOY**

Countering the argument that radical socialist James Connolly of the Irish Citizen Army and the leaders of the Irish Republican Brotherhood expected a defeat (and were motivated by a desire to provide a "blood sacrifice") in the 1916 Easter Rising against the British, Foy (history, The Methodist College, Belfast) and Barton (Queen's U., Belfast) present a chronological account of the uprising and its aftermath, including the trials and executions of many of the leaders of the Brotherhood.

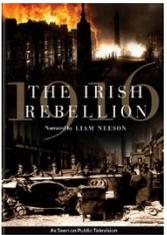


### **16 Dead Men by Anne-Marie Ryan – eBook only**

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11411732>\*

Sixteen men were executed in the aftermath of the Easter Rising in Ireland, 1916: fifteen were shot and one was hanged. Their deaths changed the course of Irish history. But who were these leaders who set in motion events that would lead to the creation of an independent Ireland? Teachers, poets, trade unionists, a shopkeeper and a farmer, the executed leaders of the Easter Rising were a diverse group. This book contains fascinating accounts of the life stories of these men and recounts the events that brought each of them to rebellion in April 1916. All these stories are compiled for the first time in one volume, making it an ideal overview for the history enthusiast and a good introduction for the general reader.

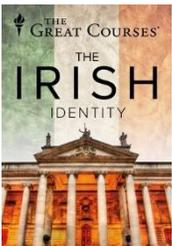
## **Videos:**



### **1916: The Irish Rebellion - Season 1**

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11749369>\*

On Easter Monday 1916, a small group of Irish rebels took on the might of the British Empire. Although defeated militarily, the men and women of the Easter Rising would soon win a moral victory--with their actions leading to the creation of an independent Irish State and contributing to the eventual disintegration of the British Empire in Ireland.



### **Irish Identity: Independence, History, and Literature – The Great Courses**

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11716698>\*

Episodes 19, 23, and 24 cover the Easter Rebellion, the War of Independence, and The Irish Civil War.

## **Podcasts:**



### **The Easter Rising of 1916 – Stuff You Missed in History Class**

<https://tinyurl.com/ycgult74>

The Easter Rising is considered to be one of the most pivotal events in modern Irish history, and it was a precursor to a number of other events that have happened since then, both within and outside of Ireland.

\*=requires GPL Evergreen Indiana card