

## **Kathleen's Reads—December 2024**

### Fiction

*Death Writes* by Andrea Carter

Book 6 in the Inishowen mystery series finds solicitor Benedicta “Ben” O’Keefe drawn into a murder case after attending a literary festival where the reclusive author who is the main attraction dies onstage. These atmospheric novels, set at the northernmost part of Ireland and featuring characters that develop as the series goes on, are recommended for fans of Louise Penny, Deborah Crombie, and Robert Galbraith.

*Whale Fall* by Elizabeth O’Connor

In 1938, the threat of war and the loss of their way of life loom on the horizon for the inhabitants of a Welsh fishing village. Despite her intellect, young Manod has been drifting aimlessly since finishing school, but when a whale washes up on shore, the event seems portentous, both from the islanders’ superstitious aspect and because the whale brings outsiders who could change everything for her. Dreamy, lyrical historical fiction.

### Audiobooks

*Supercommunicators; How to Unlock the Secret Language of Connection* by Charles Duhigg

Why is it easier to talk to some people than to others? Duhigg suggests that anyone can learn to communicate more effectively by being aware of, and matching, the type of conversation they’re having: practical, emotional, or social. Using real-life examples ranging from a trial to the writing staff of the long-running hit television show *The Big Bang Theory*, the author gives solid advice on connecting with others.