

EDWARDS, DOROTHY (1903 - 1934), novelist

Name: Dorothy Edwards
Date of birth: 1903
Date of death: 1934
Parent: Edward Edwards
Gender: Female
Occupation: novelist
Area of activity: Literature and Writing
Author: Harold Mostyn Watkins

Born in 1903 at Ogmore Vale, Glamorganshire, daughter of Edward Edwards, schoolmaster. She was educated at Howell's School, Llandaff, and the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire, where she graduated in Greek and Philosophy. Her chief enthusiasm was, however, for English literature.

She was the author of *Rhapsody*, a collection of short stories, 1927, and *Winter Sonata*, 1928. *Winter Sonata* was written in the form of a novel but it was a novel of an original kind, depending for its effect not on plot but on situations, characterization, and, above all, on 'atmosphere.' It was said by the best critics, including Gerald Gould, who described her as a genius, that Dorothy Edwards struck a new note in English literature, and she was hailed as one of the best three writers of the year. Her work reflected the influence of the Russian novelists, particularly Dostoevsky and Turgenev.

Dorothy Edwards spent most of her life in Cardiff but lived for six months in Vienna, nine months in Florence, and for some time in London. She was an accomplished singer in Russian, German, Italian, and Welsh. She was also interested in politics and was a rare combination of ardent socialist and fervent Welsh nationalist, though she could not speak the language. She took her own life (at Cardiff) on 6 January 1934.

Authors

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Sources

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Further Reading

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