

## EVANS, HUGH (1854 - 1934), author and publisher

**Name:** Hugh Evans  
**Date of birth:** 1854  
**Date of death:** 1934  
**Spouse:** Jane Evans (née Williams)  
**Parent:** Jane Evans (née Barnard)  
**Parent:** Hugh Evans  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** author and publisher  
**Area of activity:** Literature and Writing; Printing and Publishing  
**Author:** William Williams

Born at Ty'n Rhos, Cwm Main, Llangwm, Denbighshire, 14 September 1854, son of Hugh Evans and Jane (Barnard). After a brief period at Cerrig-y-drudion school under John Williams (who at one time kept a bookshop in the Strand, London), he started work in 1871 as a wagoner on various farms. He went to Liverpool in 1875 and worked for a year as a labourer in the building of Stanley Road Calvinistic Methodist chapel, Bootle; he subsequently worked for seven years in the clog-sole works of R. J. Jones, Vauxhall Works, Liverpool. He started a stationer's shop in Stanley Road, Liverpool, in 1889, established a printing press in 1897, and began printing periodicals, including the quarterly *Y Beirniad* (1911-18); between 1897 and 1934 he published over 300 Welsh books. With his two sons and Arthur Foulkes (Evans Sons and Foulkes) he founded a Welsh newspaper — *Y Brython* — in February 1906; from November 1909 the newspaper was owned and published by Hugh Evans and Sons. He wrote many articles for *Y Brython* and other Welsh newspapers and periodicals on the history and folk-lore of Edeirnion and on the history and bibliography of Liverpool Welsh printed books. He was the author of several works, including *Camau'r Gysegr*, 1926, a history of Stanley Road, Bootle, Welsh C.M. chapel; *Hogyn y Bwthyn Bach To Gwellt*, 1930, a story for children; *Cwm Eithin*, first published in 1931 (it had reached its 5th ed. by 1949), the story of social conditions which prevailed in a typical Welsh district 150 years ago — it was translated into English by [E. Morgan Humphreys](#), and published under the title of *The Gorse Glen*, 1948; *Y Tylwyth Teg*, published posthumously in 1935; and several illustrated books on religious subjects for children. He married Jane, daughter of David and Sarah Williams, Pant-y-clai, Cynwyd, Meirionnydd. He died at Pen-y-bryn, Cynwyd, Corwen, 30 June 1934, and was buried at Longmoor Lane, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

### Author

William Williams, (1885 - 1950)

### Sources

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### Further Reading

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