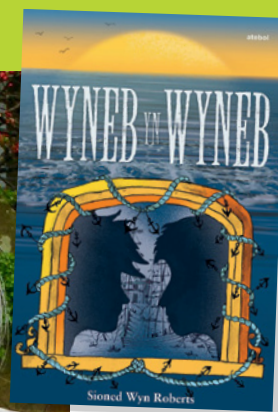


Sioned Wyn Roberts



Where did you grow up?

Pwllheli.

Where did you go to school?

Ysgol Troed-yr-Allt and Ysgol Glan-y-Môr, Pwllheli.

What was the best / worst thing about your school?

Hated hockey; loved history.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

A dentist!

What was your favourite book when you were a child?

The classic historical adventure, *Luned Bengoch* by Elizabeth Watkin-Jones.

What are your hobbies?

Reading, film, art, fresh air.

What makes you happy?

The seaside.

What makes you angry?

The dog!

When did you consider being an author?

When I went to Canolfan Ysgrifennu Tŷ Newydd (a centre for writers in Llanystumdwy, north Wales).

From where do you get your ideas?

Very often from funny things that happened during my childhood. I enjoy writing historical novels, so researching into a particular era leads to lots of ideas.

Are there any themes which particularly appeal to you?

History, myths, interesting characters.

What advice can you give to budding authors?

Just go for it. Think of a story, think of good characters, and then start writing. Personally, I see the story as a film in my head and write that story. Then I re-draft several times, to improve the work.

What's the best / worst part about being an author?

Best: creating new characters that didn't previously exist.

Worst: working hard on a chapter and then reading over it the next day and thinking that it's rubbish!

Quick fire questions:

Favourite childhood book?

Luned Bengoch by Elizabeth Watkin-Jones.

Favourite character from a children's book?

Miss Havisham from *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens.

Favourite place?

Beaches of the Llŷn Peninsular.

Favourite food?

Sunday roast.

Favourite film or show?

Paddington 2 and *Deian a Loli*.

Favourite word?

Crinc! (the Welsh word for 'idiot').

Superpower of choice?

Being invisible.

Favourite social media network?

Instagram.

What makes you smile?

Photos of baby animals on Instagram.

If not an author, what would you be?

Ideal job?

An artist maybe, or a job in fashion.

Top tip for budding authors?

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