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Lesbian author Josie Henley-Einion is Waterstone's Welsh book of the month for August.

Josie Henley-Einion's stylish and powerfully-written novel *Silence* has been named Waterstone's Welsh Book of the Month for August. The novel, published on 26th July, is being promoted front of store in Waterstone's across Wales throughout August.

Josie commented: "When I heard about that initially I thought it was quite funny. I think there is a stereotype of Welsh writing, especially Welsh women's writing, and my book does not fit into that stereotype at all. But I think that Waterstone's is a progressive company and they could obviously see the commercial potential. I imagined that putting my book as a representative of Welsh writing would turn a few heads or raise eyebrows, but didn't expect the level of attention it has done".



"I never wanted it to be a 'lesbian genre' book. I haven't got anything against lesbian books and I've read my fair share of them, but I think that there's a danger of limiting yourself to a niche. I wanted it to be a mainstream book like Sarah Waters' writing."

Silence will be backed by a major promotional campaign including two interviews on HTV and S4C with national and regional media coverage already confirmed. The book focuses on many themes which are topical in the media at the moment including domestic abuse and murder.

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