

A decorative illustration of a plant with two stems. The stems are light brown and feature several dark purple leaves with white speckles. At the top of each stem is a small purple flower bud. A thick, curved line, also with a light brown to dark purple gradient and white speckles, arches across the bottom of the text area. The entire design is set against a light beige, textured background and enclosed within a thin, dark brown border with decorative corner motifs.

Celebrating

the rituals

the new book from

rebecca
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Honno, Welsh Women's Press presents *The Rituals*, a touching and moving new story from acclaimed author Rebecca Roberts

On September 28th 2023 Honno, Welsh Women's Press will be publishing *The Rituals*, our second novel from phenomenal author Rebecca Roberts. Following on from *The Seasoning* (Manon Steffan Ros) and *The Jeweller* (Caryl Lewis), *The Rituals* is an English adaptation of Roberts' Welsh book *Y Defodau* released in 2022 and establishes Roberts as the next Welsh language author making waves amongst English readers.

A story that will both sadden and gladden the heart, *The Rituals* explores themes of grief, faith and hope following Gwawr, a humanist celebrant as she tries to maintain her reputation while sinister forces try to sabotage her career.

Only by revisiting the most difficult period of her life can Gwawr discover who is out to get her. Help comes from unexpected sources and with the support of her clients, Gwawr learns important lessons about the nature of love, loss, and the importance of trusting others.

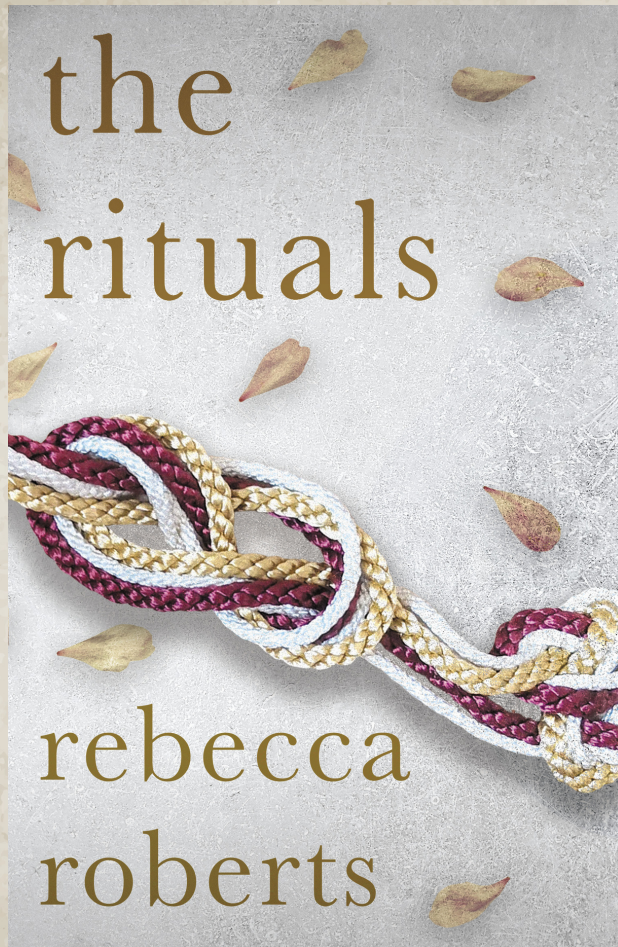
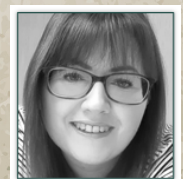
*"Ultimately joyful and compellingly written, *Rituals* charts the depths of grief, the world of Cheshire footballers' wives and the dark minefields of social media."*

Jon Gower, Nation Cymru

With a wealth of bold characters, Roberts guides readers through an emotional journey of discovery and unexpected love. Prepare for tears, both of sadness and of joy.

Arriving in bookshops 28 September 2023

Rebecca Roberts has worked as a teacher, development officer and translator. She grew up near the sea in Prestatyn and still lives there with her husband and two children. She writes in Welsh and English, and is the author of seven novels. She won the Children and Young People category in the Book of the Year Award 2021 and the Tir na n-Óg Award 2021 with her first novel for young people, *#Helynt*.



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