

The Estate of Dannie Abse

Poet / Writer

Dannie Abse was, and still is, one of Britain's most well-respected poets. He was born in 1923, in Cardiff, to Jewish parents. He studied Medicine in Wales and at King's College, London, qualifying as a doctor in 1950.



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Publications

Fiction

Publication Details	Notes
Ash on a Young Man's Sleeve 2006 Parthian	In this delightful autobiographical novel, Dannie Abse skilfully interweaves public and private themes, setting the fortunes of a Jewish family in Wales against the troubled backcloth of the times- unemployment, the rise of Hitler and Mussolini, and the Spanish Civil War.

Non-Fiction

Publication Details	Notes
Dannie Abse: A Source Book 2009 Seren	The Sourcebook is an essential companion to the poetry, prose, drama and critical writings of this major poet. Cary Archard has edited and written about Abse's work for over twenty years and collects here a marvellous representative selection of Abse's own writings, together with criticism of his work, which illuminates Abse's achievements for both students and general readers.

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The Presence 2007 Hutchinson	Several months after the death of his wife, Joan, in a car accident, Dannie Abse began to write a diary which is both a record of present grief and a portrait of a marriage which lasted more than fifty years. It is an extraordinary document, painful but celebratory, funny yet often tragic, bursting with joy as well as sorrow and full of a deep understanding of what it means to be human.

Poetry

Publication Details	Notes
Ask the Moon 2014	A complete anthology spanning from 1948-2015, Dannie Abse collects together here the definitive jewels of his canon.
SPEAK, OLD PARROT 2013 Hutchinson	At the autobiographical heart of this extraordinary collection, published in Dannie Abse's ninetieth year, is a particular vision of human possibilities, a delight in things seen and achieved and an awareness of the transience of it all.
Two for Joy 2010 Hutchinson	Dannie and Joan Abse had been married for more than fifty years when she was killed in a car crash in 2005. After her death he wrote his extraordinary memoir of loss, "The Presence", which was the Wales Book of the Year in 2008. In contrast, much of this collection is a delightful celebration. In it Dannie Abse returns to their marriage through all its seasons, and celebrates love in verse which is funny, tender and playful as well as serious and passionate. These poems reflect its truth, and in the process transfigure ordinary life and love into something rich and strange.
New Selected Poems 2009 Hutchinson	The year 2009 marked the 60th anniversary of the publication of Dannie Abse's first poetry collection, After Every Green Thing. To mark this milestone he compiled a new and definitive volume of selected poems which includes new work combining both passion and maturity.
Welsh Retrospective 2008 Seren Books	Welsh Retrospective is a selection of poems about his native Wales. He writes movingly about the Cardiff of his childhood, home to his beloved Bluebirds football team, and also about the small village of Ogmore-by-Sea, location of early holidays and for many years his home in Wales.