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Freshers

By **Joanna Davies**

"a white knuckle ride for the reader... the dark consequences for the characters make this a compelling modern Welsh fable." Big Issue Cymru

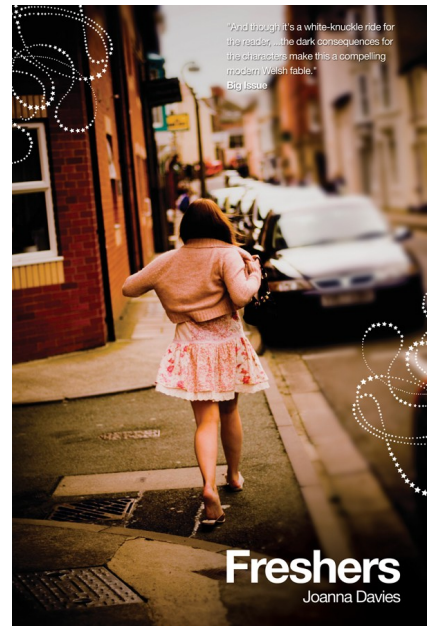
OUTLINE

"A riot of a novel full of the ardour of college days - but not for the fainthearted!" Caryl Lewis

Lois, Cerys and Hywel are freshers at Aberystwyth University – Lois is the quiet sedate one and Cerys the extrovert. Hywel an evangelist is trying to live up to his parents' high expectations, while Fleur takes it upon herself to educate Lois in life's pleasures.

Before long Lois has fallen for 'bad news' Daniel and is experimenting with drugs and Cerys, egged on by the notorious 'fat slags' has embarked on a dangerous affair with her married lecturer.

Sex, drugs and rock'n'roll amidst the ivory towers of academia in the early 90s... what it's like to leave home and find a whole new world waiting – and one that is frequently unkind to the unwary and inexperienced. Full of black humour and dangerous spirit.



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THE AUTHOR

This is Joanna Davies's first novel. She has written a biography of Welsh actors and a Welsh language version of 'Freshers', and has recently won a Writer's Bursary for her second novel. She worked for ten years as a TV Producer for ITV1 Wales, S4C and BBC Wales and is now the Senior Press and Media Officer for the Arts Council of Wales. Joanna was brought up in Carmarthenshire and lives with her husband in Cardiff.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- From a fresh, gritty and talented novelist
- The Welsh language version of 'Freshers', 'Ffreshars', was published in 2008, reaching no 4 in the Welsh language best-seller list, earning rave reviews and raising eyebrows
- A no-holds barred view of student life.

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