

Dylan Marlais Thomas Fact File

Early Life

Dylan Thomas was born in Swansea. He lived at number 5 Cwmdonkin Drive until the age of 19. Dylan suffered as a child and throughout his life from asthma and bronchitis. He left school at 16 and became a journalist. He became popular after the publication of "Light Breaks Where No Sun Shines." The poem made others take notice of his literary talents.

Relationships

In 1937, Dylan married Caitlin Macnamara. They settled in a beautiful village named Laugharne. Their marriage was disruptive and fuelled by alcohol.

Dylan found earning money quite difficult as a writer. He diversified to take part in radio broadcasts and reading tours to support his family.

Radio Recordings

His radio recordings brought him to the attention of the public in the late 1940s and he then travelled to the United States in the 1950s. His fame continued however, his drinking and strange behaviour intensified. He recorded "A Child's Christmas in Wales" during a trip to the USA.

Death

Dylan became very ill on a trip to New York in 1953. He fell into a coma and never recovered. He died on 9th November, 1953, aged only 39 years old. His body was interred in a churchyard in Laugharne towards the end of November.

Memorials

Dylan has a memorial in Swansea's maritime quarter and there is a memorial in Cwmdonkin Park, one of his favourite childhood places. His boathouse in Laugharne is a museum and you can also see inside his writing shed! He also has a plaque in Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey. Dylan is acknowledged for being one of the most important Welsh poets of the 20th century.

Date of Birth:

27th October, 1914

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Uplands, Swansea, Wales

Died:

9th November, 1953

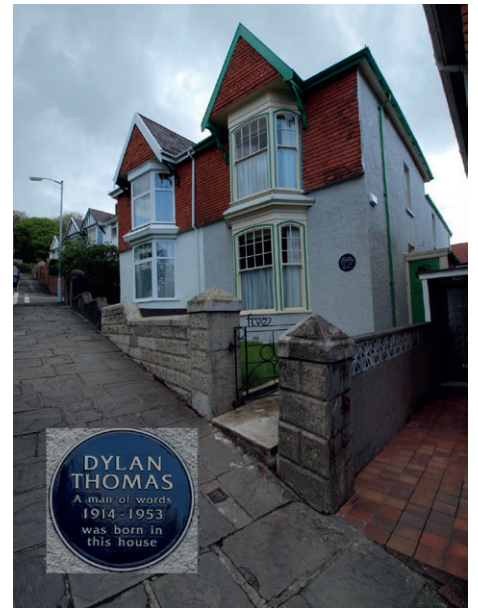


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