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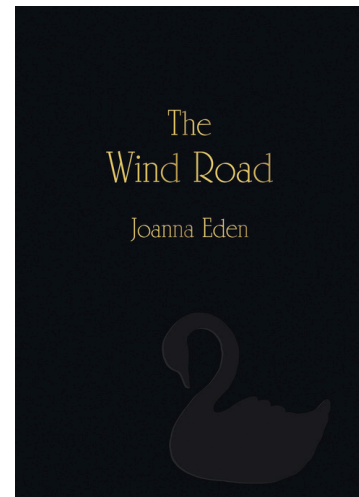
## A MYTHICAL REIMAGINING OF THE WORST COAL-MINING DISASTER IN NORTH WALES

Inspired by actual events, *The Wind Road* is a haunting time-slip tale about the men who survived the 1934 Gresford Colliery disaster, the hundreds who died, and the four-year-old girl who set them free.

In 1984, a young girl named Jemima, born over an abandoned mine tunnel, forms a bond with a 'soot-man' she sees each night in her dreams. In 1934, Wey Smith, a miner down Gresford, glimpses a ghost girl following him around in the dark. In 2014, an old man sits alone in a colliery cottage, haunted by the legend of Weyland the Smith, a statue of a black swan, and the men entombed below. Set during the build-up and aftermath of the disaster, we uncover their mysterious connection through time.

Joanna Eden's debut novel was inspired by her childhood growing up in the Welsh border village of Rosset, near Gresford, and the 'soot-men' she saw in her dreams. 'They say traces of memory get caught in the rock,' says Joanna, 'and play like tape recorders over time. I believe they are traces of love.' *The Wind Road* is a tale of magic, coal mining and the meaning of myth in our lives.

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