

# Wild Rose Asylum: Poems of the Magdalen Laundries of Ireland

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The University of Akron Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Wild Rose Asylum: Poems of the Magdalen Laundries of Ireland, Rachel Dilworth, These poems offer a multi-faceted consideration of the historical phenomenon of Ireland's Magdalen asylums, the largest and most controversial of which were run for 150 years, until 1996, by the Catholic Church. In poems that embrace both traditional and experimental forms, Rachel Dilworth's work explores complex factors involved in the loss by thousands of Irish women of years of their lives, numerous aspects of their identities, and countless future possibilities to confinement and arduous unpaid laundry labour as "penitents" in these facilities for so-called "fallen" women. Pervaded by a cutting awareness of an incarceration of the spirit, as well as of the beauty and naturalness of so many women's development being suppressed and denied, these poems navigate individual and collective voice and silences, the held and withheld and disappeared or ignored, with a grace and unflinching attention. Humane and wide-ranging, "The Wild Rose Asylum" is a researched act of witness to an issue rife with loss -- poems that seek to be "bird enough to dive far/into the heart of it and bring up something".

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