

Sabine Baring-Gould centenary 1924-2024 celebration

SBG24

‘The Sabine Baring-Gould Children’s Short Story Competition’

Hosted by Tavistock Subscription Library founded 1799

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The Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould was a very popular novelist, but also collected folk songs, fairy tales and was an amateur archaeologist as well as being the father of fifteen children and the writer of well-known hymns. His list of publications is still growing as more are catalogued, but now totals over 1,240 works. He died at his family home Lewtrenchard near Tavistock at the age of 89 in 1924.

If you live locally, you can drop into Tavistock Subscription Library to find out more about Sabine Baring-Gould and the library, which is at Court Gate, Guildhall Square, Tavistock, Devon and is usually open on Friday mornings.

There will be three prizes. One for the under seven age group. One for the eight to eleven age group and one for the twelve to seventeen age group.

‘The Sabine Baring-Gould Children’s Short Story Competition’ (2024)

The Theme

Write a short story about one of Sabine Baring-Gould’s 15 children. They lived at Lewtrenchard, near Tavistock. Do mention places like Brentor and neighbouring villages, Okehampton and Dartmoor if you would like to.

Sabine Baring-Gould’s and Grace’s children were:

Mary (born 1869),

Margaret Daisy (born 1870, an artist who painted part of the screen in Lewtrenchard Church),

Edward Sabine (born 1871), Beatrice Gracieuse (1874–1876, died aged 2 years),

Veronica (born 1875), Julian (born 1877), William Drake (born 1878), Barbara (born 1880),

Diana Amelia (born 1881), Felicitas (baptised 1883), Henry (born 1885), Joan (born 1887),

Cecily Sophia (born 1889), John Hillary (born 1890), Grace (born 1891).

Presentation of the Prizes: The results will be announced, and the prizes presented during the week of commemorative events April the 16th to the 21st 2024.

Judging: The judging will be in two stages: a final short list of stories will be judged by a panel of teachers, historians and authors.

Publication: Depending on the suitability of the entries received, a selection of stories may be showcased on the Tavistock Subscription Library website.

Rules and Conditions of Entry

1. Closing date: January 31st, 2024.
2. Entries must be in English and of any length. Entries can be typed or handwritten.
3. Results: Available to the public from the 21st of April, 2024.
4. Entry fees: No entry fee.
5. You need to complete the entry slip and if you are under 16 you will need to ask an adult to sign the form giving you permission to enter.
6. The 3 age groups -
 - A) 7 and under – Draw a picture and write some words about the child you have drawn (A4 paper or smaller).
 - B) 8-11 age group - any number of words.
 - C) 12-17 age group - any number of words.
7. No stories will be retained so contestants must keep a copy of their work.
8. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

In accordance with the 2018 European Union General Data Protection Regulation Act (EU GDPR) your information will not be kept on a database and we will only contact you to tell you if you have won the competition.

- The full results will be posted on the Tavistock Subscription Library website after the 21st of April, 2024.
- Give your name, address, telephone and if possible, your e-mail contact details, title of your story, and word count. **Entries may be emailed with subject line SBG24 U18 to: tavistock.subslib@gmail.com** or delivered by hand or by post to 'The Sabine Baring-Gould Children's Short Story Competition 2024', c/o Tavistock Subscription Library, Court Gate, Guildhall Square, Tavistock, Devon PL19 0AE.

9. Entry to the competition implies acceptance of the rules.

Entry Form

The Sabine Baring-Gould Children's Short Story Competition 2024

Name:

Age:

Title of story:

**Parent/Carer or Responsible Adult (for example a class
teacher):**

**I give my permission for the child named above to enter this
writing competition.**

Name of signatory (CAPS):

Signed:

Dated:

Contact details: