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S. Baring-Gould : Curious Myths of the Middle Ages before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Curious Myths of the Middle Ages:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Curious IndeedBy C. GuntherWhat is known about Prester John? Where did medieval map makers put the Garden of Eden, I.e. Paradise? Who are the Seven Sleepers hibernating until Judgement Day and what ancient warriors are also secretly waiting for Armageddon? When will the Wandering Jew stop wandering? These are some of the medieval myths examined in this book.I was looking for info on the Wandering Jew when this title was recommended to me. This volume explains many of the cryptic references dropped by Indiana Jones, The Librarians, and other action adventure heroes.Most of the text is in English, but, sometimes it is Old English, or Latin, French, German, or some other language. The editor is pretty good about letting you know the context of the myth under discussion, though.If you have a nagging itch to know about medieval mythos, this treatise will definitely scratch that itch.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. OK, but its not really what I was looking forBy David DurtschiAs a huge mythology buff, I thought I would read this account of "curious myths of the middle ages". I didn't dislike the book, however, its not at all what I expected or was looking for. Instead of just a simple collection of myths, this is more of an attempt to explain the circumstances that brought about the myths, and give facts pertaining to those myths. In each section, the author tells a myth, then spends countless pages presenting facts, alternative tellings, and general information about the myth. This is all well and good, if you are interested in learning about the origin of myths, however, if you are not (which I was not), then you will probabaly read each myth,

then find yourself skimming through 10-15 pages of non-fiction detail that you really aren't interested in. In fact, I would classify this book as non-fiction, rather than fiction. So, just be aware of what you are getting into when you decide to tackle this book. EDIT: I see now they have changed the classification for this book and it's now correctly in the non-fiction section. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Enthralling By P. F. Anderson My son and I started reading parts of this in the car on a trip. We are both aficionados of anything mythological, and encountering these profound, rich, and unusual stories has been inspiring to both of us (but probably most inspiring to my son). The stories we have read so far are presented both as myths, but also as possibilities, expanding the idea of what might have been and what might be, offering also a window of insight into the times in which the myths were captured. The myths are largely framed within the context of the Christian and Roman Catholic Church and culture, and do reveal some of the bias of the times against the Jews and Judaic faith. While not politically correct, this is a solid well-written work with much education potential, if placed in context and not read as a sole work on the topic. One of the best free books I've gotten for the Kindle!

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From the Publisher Kessinger Publishing reprints over 1,500 similar titles all available through www.kessingerpublishing.com. About the Author Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould (28 January 1834 - 2 January 1924) of Lew Trenchard in Devon, England, was an Anglican priest, hagiographer, antiquarian, novelist and eclectic scholar. His bibliography consists of more than 1240 publications, though this list continues to grow. His family home, the manor house of Lew Trenchard, near Okehampton, Devon, has been preserved as he had it rebuilt and is now a hotel. He is remembered particularly as a writer of hymns, the best-known being "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "Now the Day Is Over". He also translated the carol "Gabriel's Message" from the Basque language to English.