

Sue Barrow



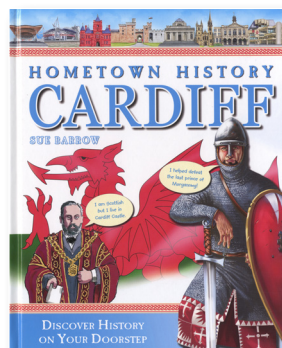
Name: Sue Barrow

Where did you grow up? Cardiff

Where did you go to school? Rhiwbeina Primary, Whitchurch Grammar

What was the best / worst thing about your school?
Best – It had an outstanding music department and I loved singing in the choir at school concerts.
Worst – showers after Games lessons!

What did you want to be when you grew up?
A writer or to win Wimbledon.



What are your hobbies? Knitting, reading and hill walking

What was your favourite book when you were young? The Chalet School books – the whole series

When did you consider being an author?
About aged 8 –When I started writing my own stories.

Are there any themes that appeal to you in particular? Family issues, injustice

What advice can you give to budding authors?
Finish what you start

Do you have any rituals when you write?
Other than planning my plot, ending and characters before I start, not really. I do like writing with sharpened HB pencils though.

What's the best / worst part about being an author?
Best – encouraging would be writers who have a story inside their heads. Worst – persuading people to buy your books!

Quick fire questions:

What's your favourite childhood book?
Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Who's your favourite character from a children's book? Mr Toad

Where is your favourite place to write?
My 'den' at home – my own little writing hole

What's your favourite food?
Fish and chips and mushy peas

What's your favourite film or show?
The Railway Children

What is your favourite word?
Mellifluous

What would be your superpower of choice? To know what people were thinking

Favourite social media network?
Facebook

What makes you smile? A rainbow

If not an author, what would you be?
Tennis player – definitely!

What's your advice to budding writers?
Don't give up on your dreams.