

## Combe Martin featured in book by Victorian author Marie Corelli.

Mary Mackay was born in 1855; her father was Scottish singer songwriter Charles Mackay. She was one of Queen Victoria's favourite authors.

Mary chose to use the pseudonym Marie Corelli when writing. Marie loved the seaside and spent several holidays on the Exmoor coast. She stayed in the Combe Martin some of the time and also did some writing while she was here.

Her book 'The Mighty Atom' is set in Combe Martin and one of the characters 'Reuben Dale' is based on the villages parish sexton of the time.

*Marie Corelli*

