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Student Lives in Writer's Granddad's House

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Mattéo, a student at Collège Calmette et Guérin in Ecueillé, and his family bought their house in Pellevoisin several years ago but it's only last year that he realized he lived in a special house.

Indeed, it was the house where the grand-father of George Bernanos, a famous French writer,

lived in the 19th century.

His name was François Moreau. His daughter left Pellevoisin and the Berry region to work in Paris as a servant. She married an upholsterer, Emile Bernanos, and they had two children, Georges and Marie-Thérèse. Georges was born in 1888 in Paris but he often came to Pellevoisin on holiday in his grandfather's house. He had several young friends there and played with them.



George Bernanos wrote several books like SOUS LE SOLEIL DE SATAN (Under the Sun of Satan) and LE JOURNAL D'UN CURE DE CAMPAGNE (The Diary of a Country Priest). He took part in the First World War as a soldier and even lived in Brazil after 1938.



But as he had always wished, when he died in 1948, he was buried in Pellevoisin next to his mother, Hermance Moreau that he had loved so much! Today there are some flowers on his grave reminding passers-by of this great writer. And the little house where he spent his holidays is now inhabited by Mattéo and his family!



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