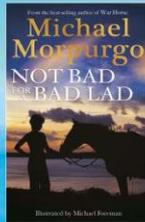
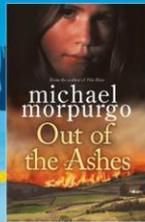
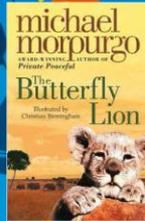
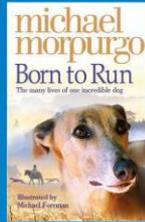
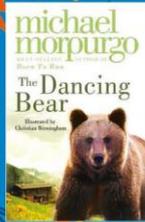


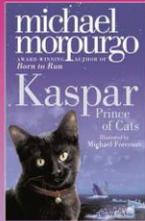
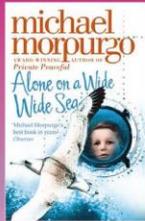
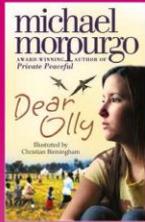
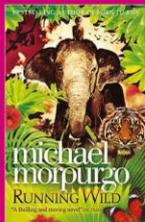
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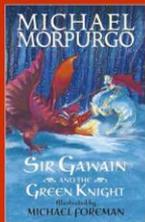
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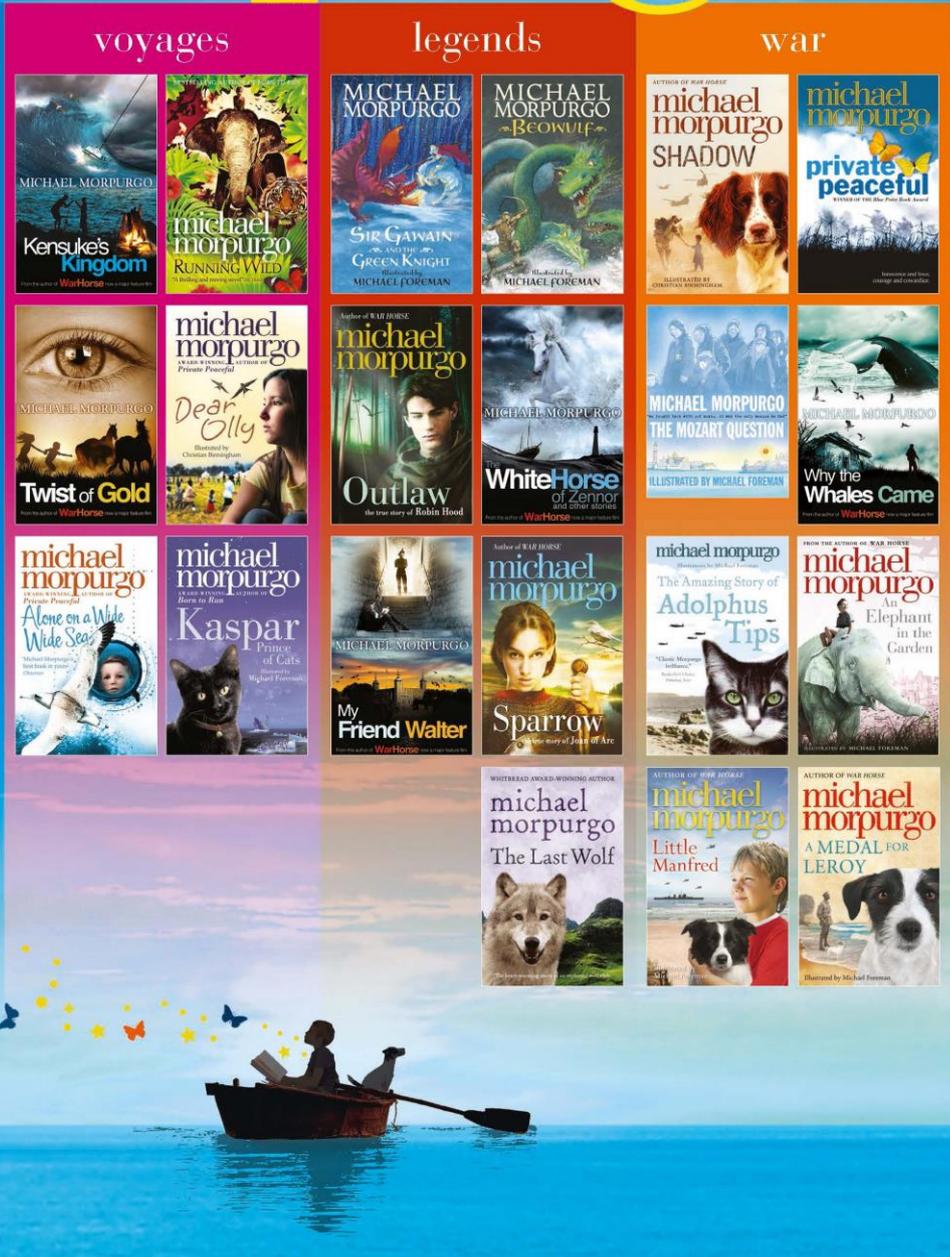
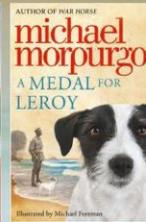
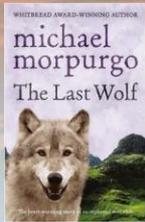
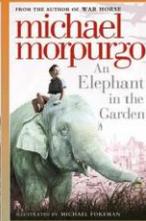
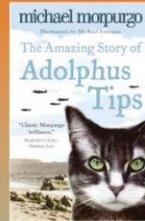
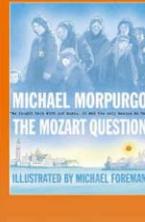
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- Michael Morpurgo, OBE, FRSL, FKC is an English author, poet, playwright and librettist who is known best for children's novels. Morpurgo became the third British Children's Laureate, from 2003 to 2005.



Michael Morpurgo is, in his own words, “oldish, married with three children, and a grandfather six times over.” **Born in 1943, he attended schools in London, Sussex and Canterbury (one at least of which was horrible enough to inspire him to describe it obliquely in *The Butterfly Lion*).** He went on to London University to study English and French, followed by a step into the teaching profession and a job in a primary school in Kent. It was there that he discovered what he wanted to do.

“We had to read the children a story every day and my lot were bored by the book I was reading. I decided I had to do something and told them the kind of story I used to tell my kids – it was like a soap opera, and they focused on it. I could see there was magic in it for them, and realised there was magic in it for me.”

In 1976 Michael and his wife, Clare, started the charity Farms For City Children (FFCC), which aims to relieve the poverty of experience of young children from inner city and urban areas by providing them with a week in which they work actively and purposefully on farms in the heart of the countryside.

Michael Morpurgo



Book Awards

Michael Morpurgo won

- ***The Wreck of the Zanzibar*, which won the Whitbread Children's Book Award (1995);**
- ***The Butterfly Lion*, which won the Nestlé Smarties Book Prize (Gold Award, 1996);**
- ***Kensuke's Kingdom*, which won the Children's Book Award (2000)**
- ***Private Peaceful*, which was shortlisted for the Whitbread Children's Book Award (2004)**

and the Carnegie Medal (2004).

He is also a three times winner of the Prix Sorcière (France) for *King of the Cloud Forests* (1993), *Wombat Goes Walkabout* (1999) and *Kensuke's Kingdom* (2001) and has twice won the Red House Children's Book Award for *Kensuke's Kingdom* (2000) and *Private Peaceful* (2004).

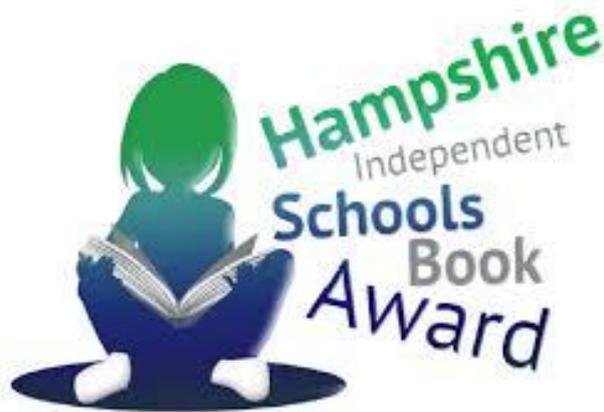


- Children's Laureate is a position awarded in the United Kingdom once every two years to a "writer or illustrator of children's books to celebrate outstanding achievement in their field and it was awarded to Michael Morpurgo



1996 -The Butterfly Lion

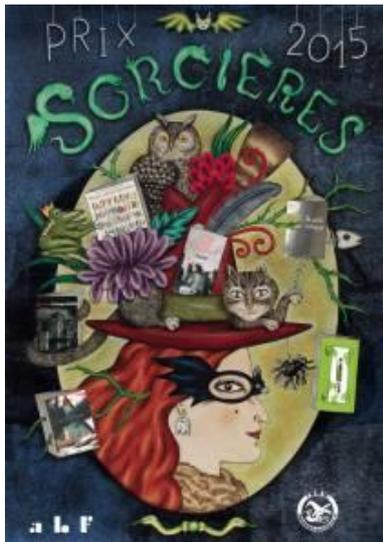
- The Nestlé Children's Book Prize, and Nestlé Smarties Book Prize for a time, was a set of annual awards for British children's books that ran from 1985 to 2007



2005 -Private Peaceful

The Hampshire Book Awards are an annual series of literary awards given to works of children's literature. The awards are run by Hampshire County Council's School Library Service

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The **Prix Sorcières** is an annual [literary prize](#) awarded in [France](#) since 1986 to works of [children's literature](#) in a number of categories.

Qualifying works must be written in French or translated into French from the original language.

Authors from outside France who have won the prize include [Anthony Browne](#), [Anne Fine](#), [Michael Morpurgo](#) and [J. K. Rowling](#).