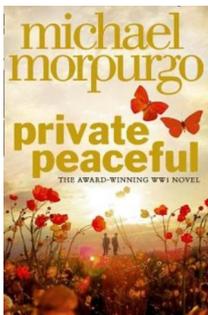


Michael Morpurgo is a British writer who is known best for children's novels such as *War Horse*. He was born in Hertfordshire in southern England in 1943 during World War II. When he was little, his family was evacuated to North East England where they were away from the bombs.

After the war, his mother married a man she had met while his father was away with the army and then moved to London. He and his older brother were sent off to boarding school for six years. He went into the army but found that the army life was not for him. Morpurgo got married at 19 years old and later went off study at King's College, London to start all over again. After he got his degree, he became a teacher and ended up teaching in a little village primary school. He loved reading stories to the children. He started to make up his own stories when he ran out of other writers' stories to read.

Morpurgo and his wife set up a charity called *Farms for City Children* in 1976. They invited the first city children down to the farm, helping the children to find out about the world around them and find out more about themselves too. They worked at this for over twenty-five years before handing it over to others. During all this time, Morpurgo was writing away, becoming a writer, a storyteller. He wrote more than 100 books. Maybe because of his background, his stories are always related to nature, the World Wars and survival. Many of his books received awards such as the Whitbread Book Award in 1982 and the Hampshire Book Award in 2005. Some of his books have been made into movies and television films.

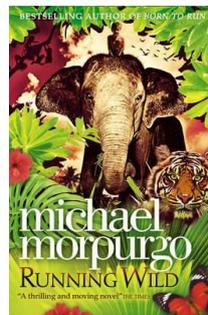
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Private Peaceful

2005 Hampshire Book Award
2017-2018 Secondary International Battle of the Books (IBOB)

Told in the voice of a young soldier, the story follows 24 hours in his life at the front during World War I. It captures his memories as he looks back over his life. Full of detail and engrossing atmosphere, the book leads to a dramatic and moving conclusion.



Running Wild

2017-2018 Secondary Battle of the Books (BOB)

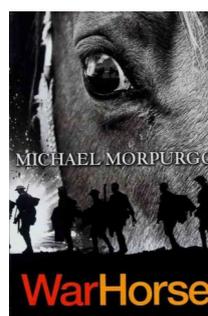
For Will and his mother, going to Indonesia on holiday is a chance to put things behind them and have some fun. But then the elephant Will is riding on the beach begins acting strangely. That's when the tsunami comes crashing in, and the elephant begins to run. Except that when the tsunami is gone, Will's elephant just keeps on running.



Singing For Mrs. Pettigrew: a Story-maker's Journey

2011-2012 Secondary Battle of the Books (BOB)

Collects various stories by English author Michael Morpurgo, including "The Giant's Necklace," "My One and Only Great Escape," and "Singing for Mrs. Pettigrew," with essays in which the author discusses his inspiration for each and details of his craft.



War Horse

1982 Whitbread Book Award
2010-2011 Secondary Battle of the Books (BOB)

In the deadly chaos of the First World War, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches.