

Introduction

Michael Morpurgo, who is admired by many people, adults and children, for being an author that they enjoy reading. He is also famous for being author of many books such as War Horse, which became a popular stage show; Butterfly Lion, which won the Nestle smarties book award in 1996; Kensuke's Kingdom, which won the children's book award *in 2000* and *Private Peaceful, which was his 100th published book*. Many people love his books and he is considered one of the best authors in the world. Read on to find more about this British author.

Childhood

Michael was born on October the 5th 1943 (his star sign was a libra.) His father was an actor and his mother was an actress too! He grew up in St Albans, England. When Michael was younger he used to visit the 'Isles of Scilly'.

Early Career

Michael educated at university, (King's university to be precise) After that, he became a primary school teacher in Kent. It was at his primary school he realised his hidden talent for writing. It is spoken that the children enjoyed Michael's stories more than the stories by other authors.

Starting his writing

Michael has won many awards in literature such as, the Nestle smarties award. His first published book was written in the summer of the year 1974. It was called 'It Never Rained' It was 8 years later when he released his best selling novel, War Horse. War Horse is now a world-renowned book due to the fact it has been one of the best-selling books ever.

Middle age

In the middle of his age, Michael got married to his wife (Clare Morpurgo) They had three children together: Horatio, Sebastian and Rosalind Morpurgo. He received an O.B.E from the Queen and also won another award for Kensuke's Kingdom in 2003. He had written over 100 books by this time. Michael's 100th published book was Private Peaceful. Many plays have been made on his books but the most famous one is the War Horse Film. This was directed by making-film-legend, Steven Spielberg.

The Present

Michael now lives with his wife and is 74 years of age. He is probably writing a new book as you read this biography.

By Joe Wakeman.