

Welcome to issue 4 of Green Eggs and Ham. We hope you enjoy reading!





Unscramble these words to discover more of Michael Morpurgo's fantastic book titles.

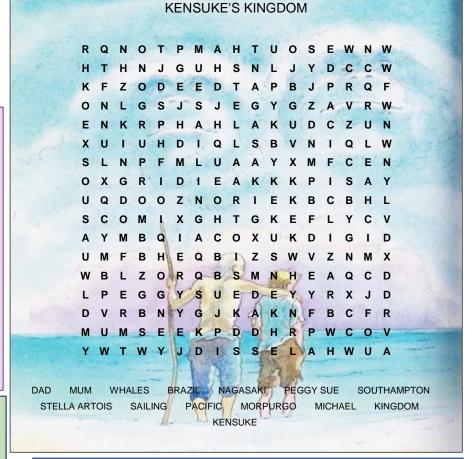
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Can you guess which Michael Morpurgo books these quotes are from?



Spot the 13 errors in this passage from Michael Morpurgo's book, 'I believe in Unicorns'.

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'Here in the jungle there was only one simple purpose, and it was the same every day; to stay alive.' (Hint: Adventure set in Indonesia...)

'We Russians, when we want to laugh, we, laugh. When we want to cry, we cry.'
(Hint: the main character is an animal usually associated with good luck...)

'He will be the star of my circus, I will call him 'Le Prince Blanc', The White Prince'. 'One leg or not, he's flown all the way here, and come the autumn he's going to fly all the way back again. (Hint: Features a bird that traditionally flies south for the winter...)







What would it be like to plunge into a Black Hole?

Scientists have used a supercomputer at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to give people a virtual experience of a bizarre, bedazzling ride around a black hole and past the event horizon. The event horizon is a boundary around a black hole beyond which nothing, not even light, can escape.

NASA supercomputers produced an immersive visualization that allows you to dive in without it becoming a one-way trip. The destination: a black hole, similar in size to the one at the heart of the Milky Way.

As you get closer to the black hole, your speed climbs until it approaches the speed of light — the cosmic speed limit! The glow from the stars in the background and from the disk of hot material surrounding the black hole becomes amplified, growing brighter and whiter. The effect is similar to how the sound of an oncoming race car rises in pitch.

Check out the awesome video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chhcwk4-esM





MICHAEL MORPURGO

Some might say that Michael Morpurgo is the nation's storyteller. A titan of literature, children all over the planet love and devour his books. He has written over 150 books and won many prizes, including the Smarties Prize, Blue Peter Book Award and the Whitbread Award.

The Discovery Centre has 53 Morpurgo titles to choose from. Here are just a few!



Free online resources

Listen to Private Peaceful:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/schoolradio/articles/z6jnxyc

Listen to War Horse:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/p04rs Oar

View 6 Free extracts

https://www.michaelmorpurgo.com/michael-morpurgo-month-2023/

Why not try...

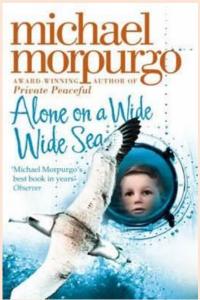


Barney is on a train with his mother when a siren sounds and the journey grinds to a halt. Sitting in the darkness, a stranger in their cabin offers to tell the true story of a highly decorated World War I soldier, who had a chance to kill a young Adolf Hitler - but let him go.

Barney is held rapt by the man's story of his old friend's life, but how does the stranger know so many personal details? And why does he feel compelled to share this story now?

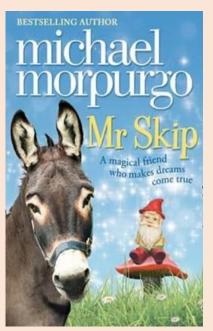
This short but immersive novel has some classic illustrations from Michael Foreman, which could help get this book into the hands of some reluctant readers. The text is short and easy to read but no less descriptive or spellbinding for it.

A thought-provoking story that young history enthusiasts will especially welcome.



Arthur Hobhouse's story is a remarkable one. Orphaned and shipped to Australia, he first works on a cruelly-run sheep station, escapes to the contrasting kindness of another farm, then begins a boat-building apprenticeship and a lasting love of the sea. Finally, following desperate mental illness, he finds happiness with a wife and daughter before an early death.

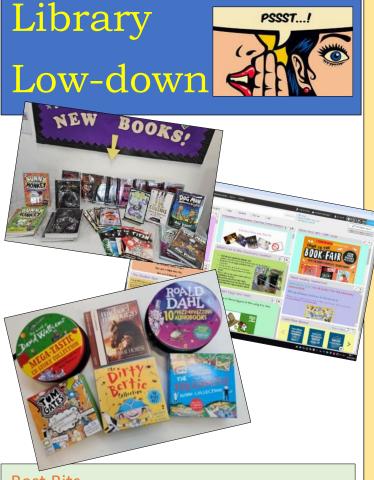
Filled with vividly beautiful descriptions of land and seascapes, this rollercoaster novel is swept along using simple, powerful language, exploring the importance of story in forming the self and also quietly mapping the changing nature of childhood through time.



In this modern fantasy, Jackie and her mum live on an estate surrounded by tower blocks, but dream of a better life in the countryside.

When she finds an old broken gnome in a skip, and lovingly restores him as a birthday present for her mum, her fortunes start to change. Naming the gnome Mr. Skip, Jackie confides her fears, hopes and dreams to him and is stunned when one day he replies!

Mr. Skip has a way of making things happen, and soon the lives of Jackie and her family are transformed beyond their wildest dreams.



Best Bits...

- The Oliver Homepage has been given a new look and students are now able to check their loan history and search the library catalogue using the link on the VLE or from their desktop.
- Students are devouring the new books purchased from our fundraising; especially the Dogman, Five Nights at Freddie's and the Twisted Tail books.
 These are all out at the moment!
- Well done to the joint winners of the class reading completion. 7BA, 7BO, 8BO, 8BC 8AC and 8AM all had the opportunity to enjoy a film with popcorn. It was a busy week!
- Miss Dann and Mrs Curry are really proud of the efforts of our lovely reading buddies who are doing a great job with paired reading partnerships.
- Students have enjoyed taking part in activities for international Space Day and Deaf Awareness Week.
 We look forward to celebrating Pride Month in June.
- The Book Bistro is open again! Students are sampling the Discovery Centre's Top 20 Recommended Books from the menu. Students can also look for inspiration from the TES Top 100 books to read before leaving Secondary School and the Book Tree (recommended by students)
- Finally, we have purchased new headphones so that students can access the new listening station. There is a great selection of audiobooks available with copies of the books too.

Put the date in your diary...

Scholastic Book Fair

4-10th June



Do you have books or comics at home you no longer read? They may be useful to the

library and help to keep it well stocked with the most popular, well used books.

Please speak to Mrs Curry in the library.

