

# The Butterfly Lion

A lyrical and moving tale of a young boy growing up in Africa, and his lifelong friendship with a white lion.

"All my life I'll think of you, I promise I will. I won't ever forget you."

Bertie rescues an orphaned white lion cub from the African veld. They are inseparable until Bertie is sent to boarding school far away in England and the lion is sold to a circus. Bertie swears that one day they will see one another again, but it is the butterfly lion which ensures that their friendship will never be forgotten.

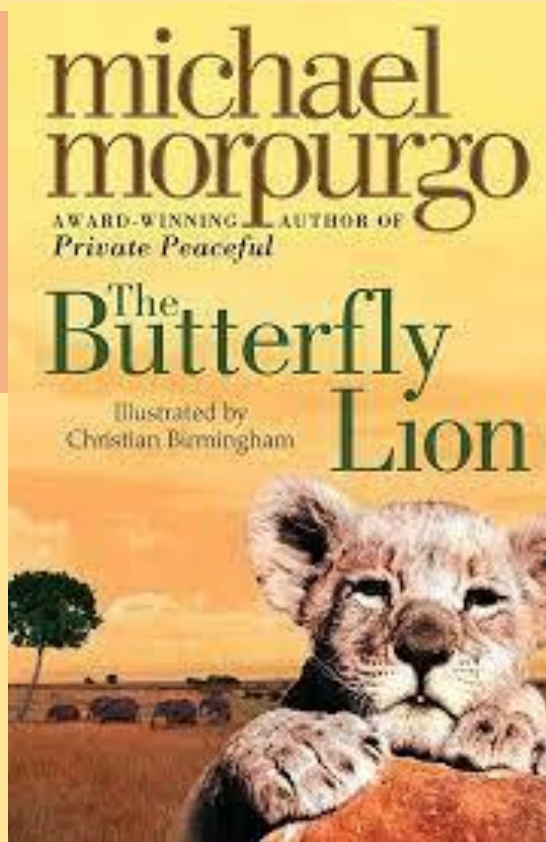


## Author:

Sir Michael Morpurgo OBE is one of Britain's best loved children's authors. He has written over 150 books, has served as Children's Laureate, and has won many prizes.



Listen to Michael Morpurgo read the first two chapters



## Key vocabulary:

Scrutinised: Inspected or examined

Ominous: Threatening and gloomy

Sidling: Edging closer

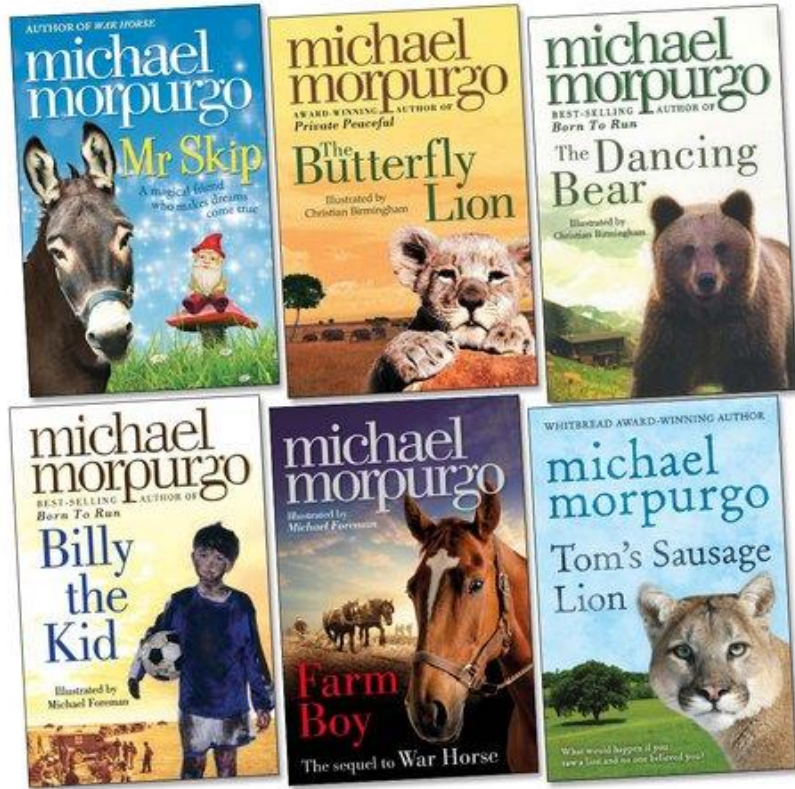
Ravenously: Doing something hungrily

Prophecy: A forecast or prediction

Hobble: Shuffle with a limp

Compound: A complex of buildings with lots of parts

## Recommended Reads!



## Setting



South Africa

- Write a diary entry from Bertie's point of view at different points in the story
- Look at a picture/video of a white lion cub and think of vocabulary to describe it?
- Write a set of instructions to teach somebody how to look after an animal (e.g. a lion cub, a dog, a goldfish).

