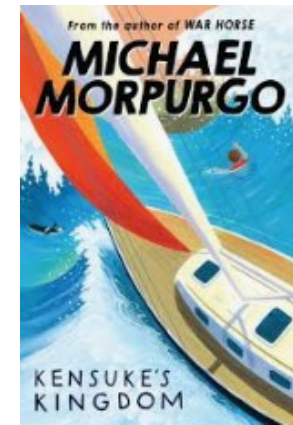


# Take One Book Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo



## KENSUKE'S KINGDOM

*I heard the wind above me in the sails.  
I remember thinking, this is silly, you haven't got your  
safety harness on, you haven't got your lifejacket on.  
You shouldn't be doing this . . . I was in the cold of the sea  
before I could even open my mouth to scream.*

Washed up on an island in the Pacific, Michael  
struggles to survive on his own. With no food  
and no water, he curls up to die.

When he wakes, there is a plate beside him  
of fish, of fruit, and a bowl of fresh water.

He is not alone . . .

Michael, a young English boy, sets off around the world after his parents buy a yacht. Washed overboard in a fierce storm, Michael finds himself on the shore of a remote island - and soon discovers he's not alone. Kensuke, a former Japanese soldier, survived the war and the bombing of Hiroshima, but his family perished. As an extraordinary bond forms between the two, Kensuke faces a heart-breaking choice: can he give up the secluded life he's built for himself to help reunite Michael with his parents? Knowing the pain of losing his own family, Kensuke knows which way he has to decide...



Sir Michael Morpurgo is an English book author, poet and playwright, who is known best for children's novels such as *War Horse*. His work is noted for its "magical storytelling", for recurring themes such as the triumph of an outsider or survival, for characters' relationships with nature, and for vivid settings such as the Cornish coast or World War I. Morpurgo became the third Children's Laureate, from 2003 to 2005 .

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