

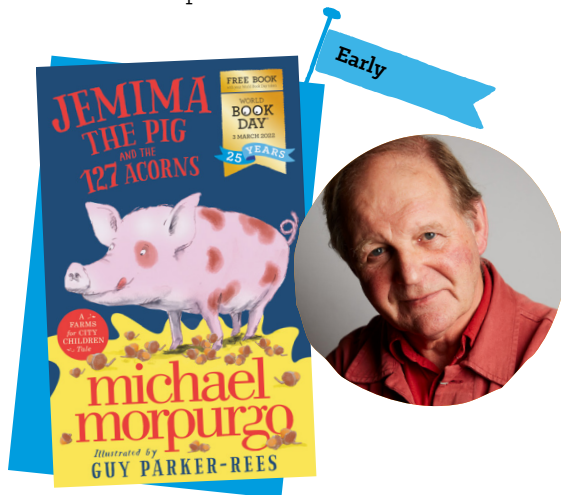
# ★ £1 BOOK ★

## INFORMATION SHEET

### JEMIMA THE PIG AND THE 127 ACORNS

**WRITTEN BY:** Michael Morpurgo

**PUBLISHER:** Harper Collins Children's Books



#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Michael Morpurgo began writing stories in the early '70's, in response to the children in his class at the primary school where he taught in Kent. He has written over 130 books, including *War Horse* and *Private Peaceful*. He has won numerous awards including those voted for by children themselves, the Blue Peter Book Award and the Children's Book Award.

#### ABOUT THE BOOK:

When a young boy goes from the city to stay on the farm, he discovers a world he never knew existed – a world of vegetable gardens, ducks and geese, where the milking cows and the sheep graze in the fields, where the apples and pears grow in the orchard.

He also meets Jemima the pig: she smells and she slobbers, she breaks out of her pen to steal potatoes, and she's the undisputed Queen of the farm.

Soon, he's hiding acorns in his pockets to feed to her every time he sees her. But then, Jemima starts to feel ill. Could she have eaten too many acorns? Or does this Queen of a pig have a secret?

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##### A CONVERSATION STARTER AND A GAME

**CONVERSATION STARTER** "[Jemima] was a pig you don't forget". What makes someone or something unforgettable?

##### GAME: I DIDN'T KNOW THE ENDING WHEN I STARTED IT. 2 PLAYERS.

You'll need pens/pencils and blank sheets of A4 paper for this game. Player one draws a head (any kind of head they want) at the top of the page and then folds it over so the others can't see... leaving just two little lines showing where the neck ends. Player 2 then draws the body to the waist, folding it over and leaving two little lines showing where the legs need to begin... Player 1 then adds the legs, folding again and leaving two little lines where the ankles are. And player 2 finishes it off with some feet. Then you open up the whole page to see what kind of creature you ended up with... without knowing what it would look like when you started.

##### AN ACTIVITY TO TRY

Write a list of the things you would take with you on a trip to stay on a farm - or even pack a bag- can you tell a friend or family member why you need each thing?

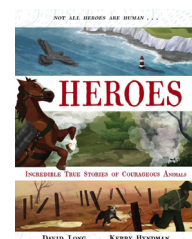
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