



All Around the Year

by Michael Morpurgo, with poems by Ted Hughes,
photographs by James Ravilious and a new introduction
by Katherine Rundell.

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'8th November: It was a crisp cold evening, and Hatherleigh was as full as I've ever seen it. There were great flame torches, flaming tar barrels, town bands from all around and unending floats.'

Originally published in 1979, *All Around the Year* is a diary following a year at Parsonage Farm, a mixed farm in Devon, close to Dartmoor. The book documented a way of life unchanged for centuries, but which was already remote to most people. In *All Around the Year*, Morpurgo revealed the daily hardships and rewards of such a life.

The accompanying poems were written by Ted Hughes about life on his own nearby farm. The book is illustrated with the photographs of James Ravilious from the Beaford Archive.

The book has a new introduction by the prize-winning author Katherine Rundell, and is published for Michael Morpurgo's eightieth birthday.

Michael Morpurgo (born 1943) is a prize-winning author of books for children, including *War Horse* and *Private Peaceful*. From 2003-2005 he was the Children's Laureate, a role he conceived with Ted Hughes. With his wife, Clare, he founded the charity Farms for City Children.

Ted Hughes (1930-1998) was a poet and translator, who was Poet Laureate for fourteen years. His work was often inspired by the natural world around Devon.

James Ravilious (1939-1999) was the son of the artist Eric Ravilious. His beautiful black and white photographs captured rural life in Devon.

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