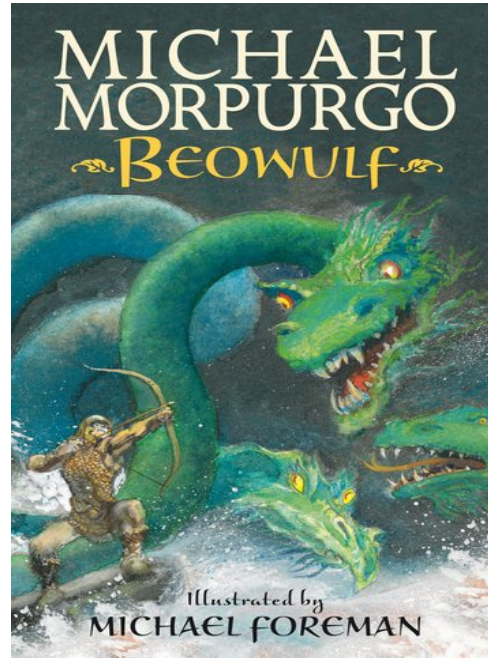




**VOCABULARY**

adorned	Decorated to look beautiful.
ancestors	Members of your family who lived many years ago.
cacophony	A loud unpleasant noise.
comrades	Fellow soldiers.
condemn	To say something is bad and unacceptable.
conquests	The conquering of a country or group of people.
corpses	Dead bodies.
dwindled	To become weaker or smaller.
endeavour	Try very hard to do something.
fjord	A long narrow inlet of the sea between very high cliffs (Norway).
grapple	To struggle with someone while fighting with them.
hearth	The floor of a fireplace.
holocaust	Large-scale destruction or loss of life, especially in the result of war.
perilous	Full of danger or risk.
prosperous	Having wealth and success.
redeemer	Someone who does something to give a good impression of themselves.
renowned	Well-known for something good.
salvation	To be saved from harm or evil.
slaughter	To kill people or animals in an unjust or cruel way.



Name of book:	Beowulf
Date Published:	2013
Author:	Michael Morpurgo
Genre:	Legend, epic tale

**KEY QUOTES**

"You shall, I promise you, be well rewarded for your kindness, your concern for us and your great courage."

"We have come to do this and, with God's help we shall achieve it."

"The time has come, great King, to test again my courage and my strength."

"Let God choose between us."

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Plot:**

Beowulf is an Old English epic poem. It is not known who wrote it, but it was originally written down between the 8th and the 11th century. In the poem, Beowulf fights three monsters: Grendel and Grendel's mother then, later in his life, an unnamed dragon.

Over time, the story of Beowulf has often been told in books, plays, and films. Sometimes the full story is told, sometimes just parts of the story.

**Themes:**

Good vs Evil, legends, war, heroes, love, loyalty, right and wrong.

**Setting:**

5<sup>th</sup> Century Denmark  
Heorot (*Hay-or-rot*)

**CHARACTERS**

Hygelac ( <i>Hidger-lark</i> )	King of the Geats (Jee-ats) and Beowulf's Uncle.
Beowulf ( <i>Bay-oh-wolf</i> )	A great prince and warrior, nephew of King Hygelac. The hero of the story.
Hrothgar ( <i>Hroath-gar</i> )	King of the Danes. A prosperous, wise and aged ruler.
Unferth ( <i>Oon-ferth</i> )	Danish warrior who is jealous of Beowulf but who later gives him his sword.
Ashhere ( <i>Ash-er-er</i> )	Hrothgar's trusty advisor.
Grendel ( <i>Gren-del</i> )	A hideous monster who terrorises the Danes.
Sea-Hag	Grendel's mother.
Wiglaf ( <i>Weeg-laugh</i> )	Beowulf's kinsman who helps to kill the Dragon when others run away.
Death-Dragon	The final monster that Beowulf has to kill.