

Author interview



Your stories often feature friendships - like Kensuke's and Michael's - that cross barriers. What inspires that interest?

Because friendship is the only way to break down barriers, or to understanding why they are there. With friendship comes empathy, and empathy is the way to friendship. And then there's personal experience. I'm a grandfather now, seven times over, and I feel it more important with every day I live not to let the age barrier get between my grandchildren and me.

Kensuke teaches Michael many things, what do you think is the most important lesson he teaches us?

He teaches us that we need a strong connection with the natural world around us and that simplicity is beauty, both in thought and aspiration. Also, that to survive we must come to terms with our past.



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