We ask a celebrity a set of devilishly probing questions – and only accept THE DEFINITIVE answer. This week: War Horse author Michael Morpurgo

The biggest regret you wish you could amend... Not playing rugby for England. I played for my school and Hertfordshire County when I was 16. But as I got older I discovered that many others were stronger and faster than me.

The temptation you wish you could resist... Pork pies. I'll buy some, then eat them secretly so my wife Clare doesn't catch me. I'm 70, so I should be chewing on celery, not eating pork pies.

The book that holds an everlasting resonance... The Man Who Planted Trees by Alexandre Vialatte. It's about a man who plants 1,000 trees a day and it made me realise I could be transported to other worlds by a book.

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The event that altered the course of your life and character... Meeting Clare when I was 19 and on holiday in Corfu. I was heading for the Army, but her principles changed the way I thought. Eventually I quit Sandhurst and became a teacher and then I started writing. We've been married for 51 years.

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The philosophy that underpins your life... People matter. My late grandmother Mary taught me that you have to value every human being.

The order of service at your funeral... I'd love Thomas Tallis's Spem in Alium, which is heavenly, and friends can sing or play some pieces of classic music. I want my ashes to be scattered on the River Torridge in Devon or on the sea by the Isles of Scilly.

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