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Recent Publications

The Only Unicorn in the Village
Only a mother's love
A Daddy's Girl?
Empowering lunch notes

Testimonials

"Once in a blue moon, a special someone crosses our path, without knowing they present as a teacher in our lives showing us how we can be better people." ([Kiddipedia](#))

Michael and Charlie's story gained quite a bit of media traction, from breakfast radio and online news to, naturally, assorted social commentary. All of which bemused Michael himself as he was, in his own words, "only doing what other dads would do" – and that is, to look out for their child's best interests. ([thedadwebsite.com](#))

"Another excellent piece from solo dad of daughter Charlie as he explores the changing perceptions of parenting for moms and dads. Such a beautiful blend of humour and reality". ([Maggie Dent](#))

"With an exceptionally big heart, his attitude and approach to fatherhood are remarkable. Through his stories, we look forward to seeing how Michael can inspire all of us to live from the heart and without reservation despite the challenges or obstacles life can throw us". ([Kiddipedia](#))

"This passionate solo dad has written an insightful message that addresses the need for dads to empower their girls to navigate their worlds and relationships – and why the 'old school' strategies can be unhelpful" ([Maggie Dent](#))

"For moms and dads everywhere, Michael is an inspiring force who is showing us that love is love, no matter who is doing the parenting." ([Babble.com](#) courtesy of [Disney™](#))

"This is a poignant, powerful and honest read from solo dad about the relationship between dad and daughter. I recommend all parents take the time to read this one....I needed a tissue" ([Maggie Dent](#))

Profile

Becoming a Dad at the tender age of 49 was a shock in itself, and two years after that– an even bigger shock - that he found himself as the sole parent to his beautiful baby girl - Charlie.

While on his quest to fill their days with the amazing, the wonderful, the informative and the FUN, Michael noted how difficult current norms made the role of 'dads as primary care- givers'. From having no change tables in men's bathrooms, being barred from back-stage at Charlie's ballet concert and being asked questions about his ability to cope raising a child!

Michael speaks about his insights from his personal journey raising his daughter and the profound impact being a solo dad has had on his outlook.

He conveys his important message to organisations and individuals, brimming with concrete, actionable research and guidance with a passion that inspires. (He also has a breadth of dad jokes!)

Michael addresses the gender and societal roles that are no longer applicable and the negative impact on organisational, business and personal outcomes. He speaks straight from the heart and his ability to connect, resonate and inspire people is obvious.

"When society regularly talks about fatherhood in the same glowing terms as motherhood an inertia will be broken, when men are recognised and admired for their nurturing and raising of the next generation instead of their income, position or power, a paradigm will finally shift. When men are held equally responsible for raising the next generation, women will achieve true equality in the workplace. It's time to move from outdated gender & societal roles that are limiting ALL of us. I'm a solo dad to my daughter and my daughter deserves better than we are currently doing!"

Numerous TV and radio appearances and regularly providing comment to news outlets, he has been featured in a number of both local and international publications and would make a great contribution to your next conference, publication or panel.

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