

Benjamin Mee

Inspirational & Motivational Speaker

The man behind bestselling book and Hollywood blockbuster
“We Bought A Zoo”.

His inspirational story is of one man’s leap of faith, triumphing over personal tragedy, and the battle to succeed, whatever obstacles stand in your way.

Benjamin’s emotive story is one of courage, resilience and enterprise. When he and his family learned that Dartmoor Zoo would be closed down if a buyer couldn’t be found, he fought against all the odds and bought it. He then found himself with an uphill battle, juggling the complexities of managing a zoo and getting it ready for opening while facing the consequences of his wife’s terminal illness and caring for two young children.

Benjamin has unwavering passion for transforming lives through knowledge, partnership and collaboration, and encouraging sustainability through shared practice in the context of conservation.



“All you need is 20 seconds of insane courage, and I promise something great will come of it.”

Despite a turbulent relationship with the education system in his youth, Benjamin went on to study Psychology at UCL and completed an MSc in Science Journalism at Imperial College. He became a contributing editor to *Men’s Health* and a *Guardian* columnist before he moved to Southern France and began writing a book on the ‘Evolution of Humour in Man and Animals’.

He has recently been awarded an honorary doctorate in science from Plymouth University and has had a lifelong interest in the field of animal intelligence and the benefits of nature on health and wellbeing.

“Ben’s presentation fulfilled our conference objectives, was entertaining and fun. He demonstrated that with persistence we can overcome the toughest of challenges.”

**Lord Kirkham,
Duke of
Edinburgh
Awards**



Benjamin’s speaking style is relaxed and informal. Eloquent, entertaining and human, Benjamin tailors his talks to the requirements of each individual client. With an array of inspiring and uplifting themes, Benjamin strives to apply his enthusiasm, commitment and passion to every audience he addresses. Focussing on the themes of:

- Motivation and inspiration
- Leadership
- Overcoming obstacles
- Teambuilding
- Achieving goals

In an engaging and amusing way Benjamin draws on his experiences of buying a zoo, overcoming obstacles, and having his story made into a film, highlighting key themes for corporate events and clients such as CAPITA, Royal Mail, Tesco and Duke of Edinburgh Awards. He also delivers purely entertaining after dinner speeches.



To check Benjamin’s availability & prices contact Louise on +44 (0)20 7836 3941 or email: lfennimore@noelgay.com