

SUMMER SEMESTER 2003

EDUC 465-4 (EDUCATION)

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

C01.00



The main purposes of this course are: to get in touch with and reflect upon your own reading and book experiences through childhood and adolescence—this reflection will prepare you to think about other people's ideas and notions on the topic of reading and books for children; to introduce you to a small but representative sample of the range of literature available to children and youth today; to give you an opportunity to explore and understand this literature—e.g. children's traditional folk and fairy tales, picture books, verse and poetry, the novel, etc.—in greater depth; and to reflect on what makes a good children's book; to critically examine why and how children and books might be brought together; and to introduce you to ways of bringing children and books together through such strategies as: reading and reading aloud, and other simple forms of presenting literature, storytelling, etc.

Prerequisite: 60 credit hours.

TEXT(S):

- Butler, Dorothy. *Cushla and Her Books*. The Horn Book Incorporated, 1980.
 Chambers, A. *The Reading Environment*. Thimble Press, 1996.
 Kennedy, X.J. (ed) *Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry*. Little, Brown & Co., 1999.
 Trelease, Jim. *The Read-Aloud Handbook*. 5th ed. Penguin, 2001.
 Yolen, Jane. *Touch Magic: Fantasy, Faerie & Folklore in the Literature of Childhood*. August House, 2000.

A children's novel. Students to choose one title from a selection provided online and to obtain on their own (borrow -e.g. from local library- or purchase).

Optional:

- Zola, Meguido. *By Hook Or By Crook: My Autograph Book*. Tundra, 1987.
 Zola, Meguido. *Poetry Plus*. Copp Clark Pitman, 1990.

REQUIREMENTS:	Participation in 4 online conference discussions	20%
	Completion of 5 papers	60%
	Final examination	20%

Please see exam schedule in Registration Timetable.

DELIVERY MODE: print
 FirstClass (mandatory)
 internet (mandatory)

SUPPLEMENTARY FEES:	Course materials and service fee	\$30.00
	Deposit for additional materials	\$25.00

If one or more of these symbols appear at the top of this page, it indicates an equipment requirement :

- computer (see over)
 CD player
 TV (Knowledge Network)
 internet access
 Audio cassette player
 telephone (teleconference)
 email
 VCR

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Computer Requirements

1. This course requires active participation over the Internet through conferencing software called *FirstClass*. Students must have access to computers and the Internet. Students wishing to connect to the Internet from home computers are responsible for connecting to either SFU or external Internet service providers (ISPs). Information on connecting to SFU through modem dialup lines is available at the Academic Computing Services (ACS) web site, <<http://www.sfu.ca/acs>>. Phone numbers for ACS are 604-291-3234 (Burnaby) and 604-291-5030 (Harbour Centre).

SFU students: Activate your SFU computing account online at <<http://my.sfu.ca>>

2. On-campus computer facilities are available. If you are using your own computer, you need the following *minimum* computer requirements:

Hardware

- Macintosh with *System 7.1* or higher OR PC with *Windows 95* or later (i.e., *98, 2000, NT, ME, XP*, etc.)
- 6 MB RAM
- 10 MB free disk space
- 28.8-baud modem
- CD-ROM drive

Software & Other

- Internet connection
- E-mail (e.g. *Eudora, Outlook, Webmail*, etc.)
- Internet browser (e.g. *Netscape* or *Internet Explorer*)
- *FirstClass* conferencing system* (described and provided in your course materials package)
- SFU computing account (SFU students only); get it online at <<http://my.sfu.ca>>

General

- Prior computer knowledge is expected (i.e. ability to save files, install programs, and maintain your computer).
- Familiarity with the Internet, e-mail, and related applications is highly recommended.

3. **Please Note:**

- Support is not available for general computer problems such as operating system difficulties and hardware problems.
- If you are having problems getting started with *FirstClass*, you may drop in to Teaching and Learning Technologies (West Mall Centre, room 1340) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM during the first week of classes. Students unable to access the Burnaby campus may call the Centre at 604-291-5575 or e-mail <help@firstclass.sfu.ca> for assistance.
- The subsidized modem hours allotted to SFU students each semester are not normally sufficient to complete the required course work.
 - A voucher system has been implemented to allow students to pay for continued modem access on 604-291-4721 (after your subsidized access is used up). Vouchers may be purchased from campus bookstores in increments of \$20. At 60 cents per hour, each voucher is good for approximately 33 hours. Instructions are included with the voucher.
 - For complete information on SFU's modem access policy, check the ACS web site, above.
 - **Out-of-town students only:** It is recommended that students residing outside the Lower Mainland contact local Internet service provider (ISPs), since using SFU dialup services will result in additional long-distance charges. Check your local yellow pages under "Internet" for listings.

For further information about computer requirements or *FirstClass*, contact CDE Technical Support by e-mail at <help@firstclass.sfu.ca>, or by phone at 604-291-5575