

EDUCATION 465-4
CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
(D1.00)

Regular Summer Semester, 1992
(May 4 – July 31)
Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
Location: MPX 7500

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PREREQUISITE: 60 hours of credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will examine children's literature within an historical, social, cultural, and literary context. Major genres of children's literature as well as themes and issues will be considered. Group discussions, presentations, and assignments will emphasize ways of bringing children and books together.

The general objectives of the course are:

- to introduce students to aspects of children's literature in the past and the present
- to encourage an appreciation of children's literature
- to gain an understanding of the range of children's literature: myth, legend, fairy tales, fantasy, animal stories, adventure stories, domestic stories, poetry
- to acquire an ability to analyze, select, and evaluate works of children's literature
- to develop methods of presenting stories and poems to children

COURSE ASSESSMENT

1. three written assignments
2. an oral presentation
3. class participation

REQUIRED TEXTS

- Demers, Patricia, and Gordon Moyles, eds. From Instruction to Delight: An Anthology of Children's Literature to 1850. Toronto: Oxford UP, 1982.
- Zipes, J. trans. The Complete Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm. Volume I. New York: Bantam, 1988.
- Sutcliff, Rosemary. Dragon Slayer. Penguin, 1981.
- Barrie, James. Peter Pan. Penguin, 1977.
- Aiken, Joan. The Wolves of Willoughby Chase. Penguin, 1968.
- Lewis, C.S. The Magician's Nephew. Harper Collins, 1990.
- Potter, Beatrix. The Tale of Peter Rabbit. Penguin, 1987.
- White, E.B. Charlotte's Web. New York: Harper and Row, 1973.
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. Treasure Island. Penguin, 1977.
- Clark, Joan. The Hand of Robin Squires. Toronto: Clarke, Irwin, 1981.
- Alcott, Louisa May. Little Women. Penguin, 1953.
- Kogawa, Joy. Naomi's Road. Toronto: Oxford UP, 1986.
- Patten, Brian, ed. The Puffin Book of Twentieth-Century Children's Verse. Penguin, 1991.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

- Sutherland, Zena and May Hill Arbthnot. Children and Books. Eighth edition. New York: Harper Collins, 1991.
- Booth, David, Larry Swartz and Meguido Zola. Choosing Children's Books. Pembroke House, 1987.