English 208A
Forms of Fantasy

Fall Term, 1983
ES1 352  2:30-5:30T
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Texts:
anon., Beowulf, prose trans. E. Talbot Donaldson (Note: this translation is also to be found in the Norton Anthology of English Literature used by English 200)
John Gardner, Grendel
Alan Garner, The Owl Service
William Goldman, The Princess Bride
W.P. Kinsella, Shoelace Joe
Ursula K. LeGuin, The Tombs of Atuan
C.S. Lewis, The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe
J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring
--------, The Two Towers
--------, The Return of the King

Important: Students not enrolled in the course tend to buy the books just to read, which means that if you wait until the end of the term to buy the books taught then, you will almost certainly find the texts sold out.

Requirements:
Oct. 18:  6-7 page paper on Lewis, LeGuin, and Book I of The Fellowship of the Ring 20%
Nov. 1:  exam on the Tolkien trilogy 20%
Nov. 29:  6-7 page paper on Beowulf, Gardner, Garner 20%
Final Examination 40%
100%

Class Schedule:

Sept.  13  Introduction
       20  Lewis, The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe
       27  LeGuin, The Tombs of Atuan
Oct.  4  Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring, Book I
       11  Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring, Book II
       18  Tolkien, The Two Towers
            Paper on Lewis, LeGuin, and Fellowship, Book I, due
       25  Tolkien, The Return of the King
Nov.  1  Exam on Tolkien trilogy
       08  Beowulf: Note, in back, the maps and the Glossary
       15  John Gardner, Grendel
       22  Alan Garner, The Owl Service
       29  William Goldman, The Princess Bride
            W.P. Kinsella, Shoelace Joe