ENGLISH 208A
Forms_of_Fantasy
Fall Term, 1989

2:30 - 5:30 T
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Texts:

Richard Adams, Watership Down
Alan Garner, The Owl Service
William Goldman, The Princess Bride
David Hartwell, Masterpieces of Fantasy and Enchantment
Guy Kay, The Summer Tree
W.P. Kinsella, Shoeless Joe
Anne McCaffrey, Dragonflight
Mary Renault, The King Must Die

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. 24 7-8 page paper on short stories 25%

Nov. 21 7-8 page paper on The Summer Tree or on Delaney's "The Tale of Dragons and Dreamers," in Hartwell, pp. 426-54 25%

Final exam over novels only 50%

Notes: Late papers will be marked down 1/2 grade for each day they are late: An "A" paper due Oct. 24 but not turned in until Oct. 25 will receive an "A-". The only excuses accepted are a fatal illness or a doctor's note.

Class Schedule:

Sept 12
Introduction

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Hartwell, "Introduction," pp. xi-xvi
Stories_of_"Our_World":
Robert Heinlein, "Our Fair City," pp. 128-45
Wyman Guin, "The Root and the Ring," pp. 49-69
Saki, "Tobermory," pp. 368-74
Anthony Boucher, "Mr. Lupescu," pp. 291-95
John Collier, "Bird of Prey," pp. 189-96
Fritz Leiber, "Space-Time for Springers," pp. 318-29

Sept 26
Stories based on varied myths:
Kenneth Morris, "The Regent of the North," pp. 473-83
Gene Wolfe, "The Detective of Dreams," pp. 197-213

Oct. 3
"High Fantasy" and "Sword and Sorcery"
Ursula K. LeGuin, "The Rule of Names," pp. 3-12
Poul Anderson, "Operation Arefet," pp. 593-622
Michael Moorcock, "Elric at the End of Time," pp. 491-539

10
William Goldman, The Princess Bride

17
Alan Garner, The Owl Service

24
* * 1st paper due
Guy Kay, The Summer Tree, through p. 204 only
note: use magnifying glass to decipher map: it's important

30
finish The Summer Tree

Nov. 7
Richard Adams, Watership Down

14
Anne McCaffrey, Dragonflight (look at map also)

21
* * second paper due
Mary Renault, The King Must Die

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W.P. Kinsella, Shoeless Joe