Time:  MWF 10:30  
Place:  EL 110  
Office Hours:  MWF 9-9:30; 2:30-5:00 or by appointment  

Description:  A study of children's literature from Britain, Europe and North America. Among the types of art considered will be nursery rhymes, nonsense poetry, fable, folk tale, fantasy, myth, and Bible stories, as well as some Canadian material. One author we will study in more detail--C.S. Lewis, whose Narnia tales are among the more popular of twentieth century children's literature. All the work will be studied as literature rather than as a means of understanding children. We will consider a critical method for the evaluation of literature.

Texts


Assignments

Reading:  an average of sixty pages per lecture; except 125 per lecture for the *Chronicles of Narnia.*

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Class Schedule:

Mon Sept 12 Introduction to Children's Literature
14 Nursery Rhymes (pp. 15-63)
16 Nonsense Verse (pp. 64-87)

Mon Sept 19 Poetry (pp. 102-164)
21 Poetry (cont'd)
23 Fables (pp. 227-244)

Mon Sept 26 Fairy Tales (pp. 245-310; 442-443; 814-823)
28 Fairy Tales (cont'd)
30 Fantasy (pp. 824-828; 832-34; 918-24)

Mon Oct  3 Fantasy (cont'd)
  5 The Magician's Nephew
  7 The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe

Mon Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day
14 The Horse and His Boy
16 Prince Caspian

Mon Oct 17 The Voyage of the Dawnreader
19 The Last Battle
21 Greek Myth (pp. 482-500)

Mon Oct 24 Norse Myth (pp. 502-520)
26 mid-term summary
28 Mid-term Exam

Mon  31 Epic Heroes (pp. 562-590)
  2 Romance Heroes (pp. 591-619)
  4 The Bible: Genesis, Exodus 1-20, Numbers 21

Mon Nov  7 The Bible: Samuel 9-18; 2 Kings 5 & 6; Daniel 1-4
  9 Matthew 1-8; Luke 1-4; John 1-4; 14; Luke 22-24
11 Acts 1-4; Corinthians 13; Revelation 1-4, 19-22.

Mon Nov 14 Adventure: DeJong (721), Spyri (731), Twain (755),
      Stevenson (790)
16 Biography (pp. 950 ff.) Singer, Frank, Nesbit, Fritz
18 Travel (pp. 998 ff.): Fritz, Foster, Lester, Scott

Mon Nov 21 Science (pp. 1050-59): Bronowski, Carson, Dugan
23 Canadian Animal Tales (hand-outs): Seton, Roberts
25 Burnford, Mowat

Mon Nov 28 Childhood Traumas in Canadian Lit: Clarke, Wiebe
30 Smucker

Dec  2 Violence and Censorship in Children's Literature