

Children's Literature

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As C.S. Lewis famously pointed out: "A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest." The focus of this course is children's literature as literature: writing characterized by skillful techniques and thought-provoking content. Beginning with the deceptively simple fairy tale and continuing on to adventure tales, stories about home and family, and fantasy, we will study the formats and elements of fiction used by children's writers to express or imply a wide range of messages.