

# CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

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A critical study of children's literature. Some historical context will be established, but the main focus of this course is children's literature as literature. Although children's literature is often dismissed as lightweight, the writers we will study are skilled wordsmiths and their stories are rich in thought-provoking ideas. We will explore the ways in which children's authors communicate ideas, and unpack the meanings of the assigned stories and novels. We will start by discussing the deceptively simple fairy tale and go on to consider adventure tales, stories about home and family, and fantasy. Students are expected to read for ideas and make contributions to the discussion.

