

Fall/Winter 2017-2018

AP/EN 3174 3.0N (W)

20th Century Children's Literature

Course Director:

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Delivery Format:

Fully Online

Time:

NA

Description:

This course is structured as a survey of children's literature written since the beginning of 20th century. We will examine these texts from a thematic and generic perspective (animal stories, coming of age stories, fairy tales, adventures for boys, and girls etc.), while also observing how they shape our ideas about childhood and what it means to be a child. The stories we will examine are told by diverse voices, and they will help us reflect on how children's literature mirrors broader and social concerns. We will also pay special attention to the complex interplay between words and images in children's literature by focusing on some richly illustrated works (by Beatrix Potter, Maurice Sendak, Shaun Tan, and others), as well as on cinematic adaptations.

Category:

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Area:

NA

Period:

NA

Historical Requirement:

NA

Requirements:

- Discussion board - 20%
- Participation - 5%
- Close reading - 20%
- Research project - 30%
- Exam (on campus) - 25%

Reading List:**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

- J. M. Barrie - *Peter Pan and Wendy*
- Judy Blume - *Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret*
- Roald Dahl - *Fantastic Mr. Fox*
- Neil Gaiman - *Coraline*
- Ursula LeGuin - *The Tombs of Atuan*
- Robert Munsch - *The Paper Bag Princess*
- Beatrix Potter - *The Tale of Peter Rabbit; The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck; The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin* (available online)
- Mordecai Richler - *Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang*
- J.K. Rowling - *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*
- Maurice Sendak - *Where the Wild Things Are; In the Night Kitchen; Outside Over There*
- Shirley Sterling - *My Name is Seepeetza*
- William Steig - *Shrek!*
- Shaun Tan - *Lost and Found; The Arrival*

REQUIRED FILM:

- *Fantastic Mr. Fox* (2009; dir. Wes Anderson)

OPTIONAL FILMS:

We will be talking about these films in our lectures, so you might find them interesting to watch:

- *Where the Wild Things Are* (2009; dir. Spike Jonze)
- *Coraline* (2009; dir. Henry Selick)
- *Shrek* (2001; dir. Vicki Jenson, Andrew Adamson)
- *Frozen* (2013; dir. Chris Buck, Jennifer Lee)
- *Tangled* (2010; Nathan Greno; Byron Howard)

Open To:

Yr2, Yr3, Yr4