Fall 2019 Course Descriptions

Instructor: Elizabeth Robinson
Course: ENGL 360
Title: Children's Literature

Description: In this course, we will survey children's literature from early fairy tale texts through very recently published texts. In our reading of these texts, we will explore
• a variety of genres: picture books, novels, poetry, and fairy tales;
• the nature, characteristics, and purposes of children's literature, and
• how the works we read are connected to the cultures and time periods in which they were produced and consider how these works both express notions of the nature of child and childhood and how they shape those notions within a culture.

In our explorations, we will apply principles of literary analysis to the texts that we read, but we will not discuss teaching practices or criteria for book selection.

Proposed Readings: Fairy tales
George MacDonald: The Princess and the Goblin
Beatrix Potter: Peter Rabbit
J. R. R. Tolkien: The Hobbit
Dr. Seuss: The Cat in the Hat
Maurice Sendak: Where the Wild Things Are
Tomi dePaola: Legend of the Bluebonnet
A. A. Milne: Winnie-the-Pooh
Madeleine L’Engle: A Wrinkle in Time
Christopher Paul Curtis: Bud, Not Buddy
Kathi Appelt: The Underneath
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley: The War That Saved My Life
Pam Muñoz Ryan: Echo