

ENG 310—001 and -002

Literature for Children

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MWF 11-11:50 (-001) and 12-12:50 (-002)

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Catalog Description:

Selecting, reading, and evaluating literature for children. Enrollment preference is given to majors in Elementary and Early Childhood Education, Communication Science and Disorders, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Theatre. Others may be admitted with permission of the department.

Course Objectives:

Students will develop the ability to see children's literature as a unique form of art with the power to transport children and adults to worlds where imagination blooms and where discovery stirs the soul. Students will develop broad and specific understandings of patterns and themes in children's literature. Students will demonstrate an ability to critically evaluate and analyze children's literature in class discussion and in written texts.

Students will develop rationales for selecting literary texts for K-5 classrooms and for determining means for presenting those texts to students.

Course Texts:

- ✓ Ludwig Bemelmans, *Madeline*
 - ✓ Aaron Becker, *Journey*
 - ✓ Michael Bond, *A Bear Called Paddington*
 - ✓ Christianna Brand, *Nanny McPhee: Based on the Collected Tales of Nurse Matilda*
 - ✓ Beverly Cleary, *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*
 - ✓ Crockett Johnson, *Harold and the Purple Crayon*
 - ✓ Astrid Lindgren, *Pippi Longstocking*
 - ✓ A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*
 - ✓ Philip C. Stead, *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*
 - ✓ P.L. Travers, *Mary Poppins*
 - Deborah Underwood, *The Quiet Book*
- Selected additional readings accessible via Canvas and the Internet.

Student Responsibilities:

Participation (10%) Attentive, thoughtful participation in class discussions of course texts is crucial to understanding, remembering, and analyzing these texts. Do not use laptops or phones unless you have permission to do so. If you use these electronics without permission, points will be deducted from this participation grade. Come to class on time. If you are repeatedly (more than 3 times) late, points will be deducted from this participation grade.

Three Exams (15% each) Exams may or may not be open-book and open-note.

Paper 1 (20%)

Paper 2 (25%)

Attendance:

The University of Montevallo expects students to attend all classes for which they are enrolled. In this class, you have three grace-absences. These grace-absences will not hurt your grade. After you've used up your three grace-absences, five points will be deducted from your grade for each unexcused absence. *If students have perfect attendance in this class, they will receive five bonus points on their final grades. Perfect attendance calculations begin on Monday, January 12.*

Student e-mail statement:

ForUM e-mail is an official means of communication among students, faculty, and administrators at the University of Montevallo—and may be THE official means of communication between you and your instructors. You may receive a variety of very important ForUM e-mail messages from various offices on campus for which some timely response will be required. The official e-mail system for students is identified by userID@forum.montevallo.edu and can be accessed via the ForUM link on the University home page, www.montevallo.edu.

Please remember that:

You are responsible for monitoring and managing your account regularly, even during breaks. You are responsible for all announcements, requests, and/or sensitive information delivered to your ForUM e-mail account, including information related to this course. You may electronically forward your ForUM e-mail to another e-mail address, but at your own risk. The University is not responsible for the handling of forwarded e-mail. Having e-mail forwarded does not absolve you from the responsibilities associated with communication sent to your official ForUM e-mail address.

If you have questions regarding your ForUM e-mail account, you should contact Technology Services (205-665-6520, or toll free at 866-520-2401). The Help Desk is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty:

It is the policy of the University of Montevallo to penalize instances of plagiarism and academic dishonesty, defined as any of the following:

- Using the exact words of another person's work/writing without acknowledgment of your source through the use of quotation marks and correct citation/documentation;
- Rephrasing a passage by another writer without giving proper credit;
- Using someone else's facts or ideas with acknowledgement;
- Using a piece of writing for one course that was used in a previous course (or in courses in which you are simultaneously enrolled) without *express* permission from both instructors to do so; and
- Presenting fabricated or falsified citations or materials.

Please consult with the instructor of this course (cwhite4@montevallo.edu) if you are unsure about how to document sources. At the very least, an assignment on which plagiarism has occurred will receive no credit, and an Academic Dishonesty Incident Form concerning the incident will be kept on file in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Students who plagiarize also are subject to failure in the course and/or appearance before the Justice Council.

Harbert Writing Center:

I encourage all students to take advantage of the services of the Harbert Writing Center (HWC) located in room 311 of Comer Hall. HWC consultants have been trained to help you learn to make effective writing choices. HWC is open during Spring 2015 from 9-5 Monday-Thursday and from 9-3 on Fridays, with services provided on a walk-in basis. The HWC does not schedule appointments. Regardless of the stage of the writing process or your degree of writing experience, you will find this free service valuable.

Class Withdrawal:

The deadline for withdrawal from Spring 2015 classes is March 12.

ADA Statement:

Students who may need disability-related academic accommodations or who have emergency medical needs are encouraged to contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (campus telephone 6250). This office is located in Student Support Services in the rear of Main Hall. You must have a Classroom Accommodation Request letter provided by that office in order to receive accommodations in this class. Academic accommodations may be provided, but no essential course requirements will be changed. You may contact your professor or Deborah McCune (mccuned@montevallo.edu) with any questions.