

English 315
Creative Writing: Children's Literature
Summer 2011



Full Session: May 9, 2011 – August 8, 2011

Instructor: Andrea MacPherson

Tuesday & Thursday 13:00 – 15:10 pm

You have to write whichever book it is that wants to be written. And then, if it's going to be too difficult for grown-ups, you write it for children.

∞ Madeleine L'Engle

Course Description

This course offers you the opportunity to learn the creative writing elements associated with the genre of children's literature. You will study published works, practice with these elements, then apply them to your own writing.

The class is primarily a workshop, which offers students a supportive environment in which to explore their writing and work in dynamic groups with your peers.

Our reading selections range Beverly Cleary and Roald Dahl to contemporary authors working within the genre, including Barbara Nickel and Deborah Ellis.

Assignments include:

Middle Grade Short Story

Middle Grade Novel Chapter

Two chapters Young Adult Novel

Critical Review

Participation