



# Children's Literature: Classic Texts and Contemporary Trends

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## FEATURES

- Children's Literature is a popular and growing area of study (statistics suggest up to 1/3 English Literature students choose to write their dissertation on Children's Literature)
- There is currently a lack of high quality critical material available for students studying individual classic and contemporary children's books
- Includes original essays by contemporary children's authors Beverley Naidoo and Jamila Gavin
- A colour plate section illustrates the changing physical appearance of children's books over time