

Waits' Divine Songs. Published by J. Babcock and Son, New Haven, Conn., 1824.

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Key Reference Works Related to Children's Literature

Chapter 2

Once upon a time it was difficult to find accurate information about children's literature, but that time has passed. Since the mid-1970s, many reference works related to children's literature have been published. Some, such as Something about the Author, are multi-volume works that take up an entire library shelf. Others, such as the recently published International Companion Encyclopedia of Children's Literature, take the form of one weighty volume. A listing of all these reference works would have over one hundred entries. There are, however, 26 key reference works that I have found to be especially helpful. What follows are descriptions of these works. The first section deals with works that focus on authors, which is followed by a section that covers works that take a general approach, the next section deals with works that are organized by the titles of children's books, and the last section describes works that focus on criticism.

Works that focus on authors

Something about the Author Gale Research began publishing this ongoing series in 1971. As its founding editor, Anne Commire, stated in the first volume, the series is intended to provide readers with an "almost personal introduction to authors." Every volume includes entries on one hundred or more children's authors or illustrators. Each entry provides key biographical information, the addresses of the author and/or the author's agent, an overview of the author's career, a listing of the awards and honors the author has received, a chronological bibliography of the books written or illustrated by the author, and information about other published sources that focus on the author. The entries are arranged alphabetically within each volume. There are cumulative indexes at the back of every other volume of the series—one for authors and the other for illustrators. To locate an entry about a particular author, readers should look up the author's name in the most recently published volume of the series that has indexes. The indexes indicate which volume or volumes have entries on the author.

Something about the Author. v. 1 (1971) - Detroit: Gale.

Since Gale Research brings out about four new volumes of this series each year. Something about the Author tends to provide the most current information of all the reference works that focus on children's authors. Consequently, it is often the best place to turn for information about authors who have recently emerged on the scene. Also, the series often publishes updated entries on authors whose careers span many years. For readers who are seeking scholarly analyses of a particular author's works, however, Something about the Author is not the best reference work available. The entries in this series tend to be short and aimed a general audience.

Something about the Author. Autobiography Series Gale Research began publishing this series in 1986. The entries in this series are written by the authors or illustrators themselves and usually run about 10,000 words. The subjects are given free rein when writing these entries. Some of the entries are fairly formal accounts of the subject's career, while others are very personal essays that delve into such subjects as the author's childhood or family life. These entries usually include photographs and other visual material. At the end of each entry is a bibliography of the author's works. There is a cumulative index at the back of each volume.

In most cases, the authors and illustrators included in this series have not written full-scale autobiographies. Thus, for readers who are interested in an author's thoughts about his or her life and career, this reference work is well worth consulting. Readers, however, should be aware that there are many children's authors and illustrators who are not included in this series.

Authors and Artists for Young Adults Gale Research began this series in 1989. It follows that same format as Something about the Author, but it focuses more on authors and illustrators whose works have a teenage audience. Many of the same authors that are included in Authors and Artists for Young Adults are also included in Something about the Author.

As one would expect, Authors and Artists for Young Adults has entries on important young adult authors, such as Judy Blume, Robert Cormier, and Walter Dean Meyers. It also, however, includes entries on authors whose works are intended primarily for adults but are often read by teenagers, including William Faulkner, Hermann Hesse, Stephen King, Sam Shepard, Agatha Christie, and David Eddings.

Dictionary of Literary Biography. Of the various reference works published by Gale Research, this series is perhaps the most scholarly in tone. All the volumes in this series provide in-depth biographical essays which trace an author's writing career, discuss the evolution of the author's literary reputation, and appraise the author's major works. These essays are written by noted scholars. The volumes in this series are organized thematically. There are now eight volumes that focus on children's authors, four of which deal with American authors and four that deal with British authors. Another volume dealing with British children's authors is planned.

Volume 22, titled American Writers for Children, 1900-1960, carne out in 1983 under the editorship of John Cech. Among its 48 entries are essays on

Something about the Author. Autobiography Series. v. 1 (1986)— . Detroit: Gale.

Authors and Artists for Young Adults. v. 1 (1989)— Detroit: Gale.

Dictionary of Literary Biography.

Detroit: Gale, 1978- (In progress)

Frank Baum, Margaret Wise Brown, Walt Disney, Esther Forbes, Lois Len-Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, E. B. White, and Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Volume 42, titled American Writers for Children Before 1900, came out in push under the editorship of Clenn E. Estes. Among its 52 entries are essays a Lautisa May Alcott, Frances Hodgson Burnett, Mary Mapes Dodge, Joel chandler Harris. Howard Pyle, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Kate Douglas Woodh.

Volume 52, titled American Writers for Children Since 1960: Fiction, came out in 1986 under the editorship of Glenn E. Estes. Among its 44 entries are conson Lloyd Alexander, Judy Blume, Beverly Cleary, Robert Cormier, Louse Fitzhugh. Virginia Hamilton, Madeleine L'Engle, Lois Lowry, Katherine Paterson, Mildred Taylor, and Jane Yolen.

Volume 61, utled American Writers for Children Since 1960: Poets, Illustrature, and Nonfiction Authors, came out in 1987 under the editorship of Glenn F. Estes. Among its 32 entries are essays on Marcia Brown, Tomie dePaola, Theodor Seuss Geisel, Leo Lionni, Arnold Lobel, Milton Meltzer, Jack Preiutski, Richard Scarry, Maurice Sendak, Peter Spier, William Steig, and Chris Van Allsburg.

Vol 141, titled British Children's Writers, 1880-1914, came out in 1994 under the editorship of Laura M. Zaidman. Among its 24 entries are essays on J. M. Barrie. Kenneth Grahame, Kate Greenaway, Rudyard Kipling, Andrew Lang, E. Nesbit, Beatrix Potter. Arthur Rackham, and Robert Louis Successon.

Volume 160, titled British Children's Writers, 1914-1960, came out in 1996 under the editorship of Donald R. Hettinga and Gary D. Schmidt. Among its 17 entries are essays on Enid Blyton, C. S. Lewis, Hugh Lofting, A. A. Milne, Mary Norton, J. R. R. Tolkien, P. L. Travers, and T. H. White.

Volume 161, titled British Children's Writers Since 1960: First Series, came out in 1996 under the editorship of Caroline C. Hunt. Among its 30 entries are essays on Joan Aiken, Susan Cooper, Helen Cresswell, Leon Garfield, Man Garner, Dinan Wyne Jones, Philippa Pearce, and Margery Sharp.

Volume 163, titled British Children's Writers, 1800-1880, came out in 1996 under the editorship of Meena Khorena. Among its 40 entries are essays on William Blake, Randolph Caldecott, Lewis Carroll, Walter Crane, Charles Kingsley, Edward Lear, George MacDonald, Christina Georgina Rossetti, and Charlotte Mary Yonge.

Children's Literature Review When Gale Research inaugurated this series in 1976, its goal was to provide readers with a guide to the published criticism and commentary related to children's authors. Since its debut, Children's Literature Review has evolved into one of the most consulted reference works in the field. Each volume contains entries on eight to ten authors. A typical entry begins with a short overview of the author's life and career followed by a section called "Author's Commentary," which includes excerpts from interviews and articles in which the author discusses his or her own work. The next section provides excerpts from articles that take a general approach to the author's work. The half section of the entry deals with criticism and commentary pertaining to particular books by the author. For the most part, the material excerpted in

Children's Literature Review (v.) 1975- Detroit: Gale.

this section comes from published book reviews. The sources of all the quotations in each entry are carefully identified. At the end of each volume, there are three cumulative indexes—one focuses on authors, another on book titles, and the third or, the authors' nationalities. As is the case with most of reference works published by Gale, readers should always turn to the indexes included in the most recently published volume in the series.

When readers are using Children's Literature Review, they should keep in mind that most of the information included in the entries is excerpted from published sources. On occasion, not all of the information included in the original sources is reprinted in the excerpts. Thus, readers can often find additional information and insights by locating and reading the original sources from which these excerpts came.

Junior Book of Authors—Before Gale Research began publishing works on children's literature, the Junior Book of Authors was the best source for information about children's authors. When H. W. Wilson published the first volume of this series in 1934, it was the first major reference work to focus on children's authors. Compared to the entries in the Something about the Author series the entries in the Junior Book of Authors are not as fully developed. They tend to be only a few paragraphs long, and they do not include complete bibliographies of the authors' works. Nevertheless, this series is sometimes the only reference work to include information about lesser known children's authors from the first half of the twentieth century.

Volume one of the series, fitled The funior Book of Authors, came out in 1934 under the editorship of Stanley J. Kunitz and Howard Haveraft. It includes 268 eritries, each of which is accompanied by photograph of the author. Many of the entries are written by the children's authors themselves. Kunitz and Haveraft edited a secondition of this volume, which appeared in 1951. The second cell tion includes 289 entries, 129 of which are new

Volume two, tite. More Junior Authors, came out in 1963 under the editorship of Muriel Fuller. It includes 268 entries, most of which focus on authors who achieved prominence during the 1950s and early 60s.

Volume three, titled The Third Book of Junior Authors, came out in 1972 under the editorship of Doris De Montreville and Donna Hill. It includes entries on 255 authors, most of whom achieved prominence during the 1960s and early '70s. Unlike the entries from the earlier volumes, each entry in this volume includes a bibliography of selected works by each author and a list of references that provide additional information about the author. This volume also includes a cumulative index to all the volumes in the series.

Volume four, titled The Fourth Book of Junior Authors and Illustrators, came out in 1978 under the editorship of Doris De Montreville and Elizabeth D. Crawford. It includes 239 entries, one third of which deal with illustrators. The entries on authors deal primarily with those who gained prominence during the mid-1970s, but there are entries on illustrators from a variety of periods. This volume includes a cumulative index.

Volume 5, titled The Fifth Book of Junior Authors and Illustrators, came out in 1983 under the editorship of Sally Holmes Holize. It includes 239 entries on authors and illustrators, most of whom achieved prominence during the

Junior Book of Authors 2nd ed. Stanley J. Kunitz and Howard Huycraft. eds. New York: H.W. Wilson, 1951.

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More Junior Authors, 1963. Muriel Fuller, ed.

Th: Third Book of Junior Authors, 1972. Doris De Montreville and Donna Hill. eds.

The Fourth Book of Junior Authors and Illustrators, 1978. Doris De Montreville and Elizabeth D. Cranford.

The Fifth Book of Junior Authors and Illustrators. 1983. Sally Holmes Holtze, ed.

The Sixth Book of Junior Authors and Illus rators, 1989. Sally Holmes Holtze, ed.

late 1970s and early 1980s. This volume includes a cumulative index.

Volume 6, titled The Sixth Book of Junior Authors and Illustrators, came out in 1989 under the editorship of Sally Holmes Holtze. It includes 236 entries on authors and illustrators, most of whom achieved prominence during the posits. This volume includes a cumulative index.

Twentieth-Century Children's Writers The third and most recent edition of this handy reference work was published by St. James Press in 1989. Edited by flucy Chevalier, it includes 800 entries. These entries focus on twentieth-century. English-language authors who write fiction, poetry, or drama for children. Each entry includes key biographical information, a complete hibliography of the author's works, and a short discussion of the author's most important contributions to children's literature. The book also features in appendix that has entries on major nineteenth-century children's authors.

Nearly all of the authors included in Twentieth-Century Children's Writers are covered in more detail in Something about the Author. There are occasions, however, when readers would rather consult a one-volume book than deal with the complications—volved in using a multi-volume work. For readers who are trying to trac—down the publication date of a particular book by a children's author, identify the nationality of an author, or find some other bit of specific information about an author, Twentieth-Century Children's Writers is a good source to consult.

Children's Books and Their Creators Published by Houghton Mifflin Company in 1995. Children's Books and Their Creators is a one-volume work that provides biographical and critical overviews of children's authors and illustrators. Anima Silvey, the book's editor, made a special effort to include entries on anthors and illustrators who have come into print since World War II.

Although Children's Books and Their Creators is very similar to Twentieth-Century Children's Writers, there are some differences that are worth noting. The entries in Children's Books and Their Creators are generally longer and more analytical than the entries found in Twentieth-Century Children's Writers. The entries in Silvey's book, however, do not include the comprehensive bib-hographies and lists of references that accompany all the entries in Twentieth-Century Children's Writers. Unlike Twentieth Children's Writers, Silvey's book also methods entries on subjects other than particular authors and illustrators. There are entries, for example, on Australian children's literature, awards and prizes, Canadian children's literature, comic books and graphic novels, controversial books for children, fantasy literature, Latino children's books, magazines for children, and poetry for children. Another special feature found in Silvey's book is a series of entries titled "Voices of the Creators" in which children's authors or illustrators discuss their lives and works.

Briters for Children: Critical Studies of Major Authors Since the Seventeenth Gentury Edited by Jane M. Bingham, Writers for Children was published by Charles Scribner's Sons in 1988. It contains 84 lengthy essays on children's authors "who have withstood the test of time." All of the authors included in this volume are deceased and their major works have remained in print at

Twentieth-Century Children's Writers. 3rd ed. Tracy Chevalier, ed. New York: St. James Press. 1989

Children's Books and Their Creators. Anita Silvey, ed. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1995.

Writers for Children: Critical Studies of Major Authors Since the Seventeenth Century, Jane M. Singham, ed. New York: Scribner's, 1988. least two generations after their original publication date.

The entries in Writers for Children are very similar to the entries in the Dictionary of Literary Biography volumes pertaining to children's authors. Both of these reference works feature scholarly essays written by noted authorities in children's literature, and both reference works cover many of the same authors. However, since all of the existing DLB volumes focus on either American or British children's authors, there are a number of very important children's authors from other countries who cannot be found in the DLB volumes. To its credit, Writers for Children includes entries on several such authors, including Hans Christian Andersen, Jean de Brunhoff, Carlo Collodi, Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, Lucy Maud Montgomery, Charles Perrault, Felix Salten, and Johanna Spyri.

Black Authors and Illustrators of Children's Books When Garland Publishing brought out Barbara Rollock's Black Authors and Illustrators of Children's Books in 1988, it was the first reference work to have such a focus. Garland brought out an expanded second edition of this book in 1992. The second edition has entries on 150 authors and illustrators, including Ashley Bryan, Alice Childress. Lucille Clifton, Donald Crews, Rosa Guy, Virginia Hamilton, Dorlores Johnson, Julius Lester, Walter Dean Meyers, Jerry Pinkney, John Steptoe, Eleanora Tate, and Mildred Taylor.

Black Authors and Illustrators of Children's Books works especially well when it is used in conjunction with Something about the Author. Rollock's book does a good job of identifying African American authors and illustrators of children's books, including those who are lesser known or who are not easily identified as being Black. However, because the entries in this book are usually only two or three paragraphs long, they do not provide a lot of information. In many cases, readers can find idditional information about these authors and illustrators in Something about the Author.

Black Authors and Illustrators of Children's Books: A Biographical Dictionary. 2nd ed. Barbara Rollock. New York: Garland, 1992.

Works that take a general approach

Dictionary of American Children's Fiction Written by Alethea K. Helbig and Agnes Regan Perkins. Dictionary of American Children's Fiction is a three-volume work published by Greenwood Press. The first two volumes came out in 1985, and the third appeared in 1993. Helbig and Perkins provide entries on book titles, authors, major characters, and settings. Volume one focuses on children's literature that dates from 1859 to 1959. It features 1,266 entries based on 420 books. Volume two focuses on books that date from 1960 to 1984. It contains 1,550 entries based 489 books. The third volume deals with books that date from 1985 to 1989. It has 400 entries based on 184 books.

Dictionary of American Children's Fiction is intended to provide readers with key information. For readers who want to know what book a character comes from, when a book was published, who wrote a particular title, or where a story is set, Dictionary of American Children's Fiction is good place to turn for dependable answers.

Dictionary of American Children's Fiction 1859-1959: Books of Recognized Merit. Alethea K. Heibig and Agnes Regan Perkins. Westport. CT: Greenwood, 1985.

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Dictionary of American Children's Fiction 1960–1984: Books of Secognized Merit. 1986. Dictionary of American Children's Fiction 1985–1989: Books of

Recognized Merit, 1993.

Dictionary of British Children's Fiction Written by Alethea K. Helbig and Agnes Regan Perkins, Dictionary of British Children's Fiction was published by Greenwood Press in 1989. Helbig and Perkins provide entries on book titles, authors, major characters, and settings. This work contains 1,626 entries based on 387 books published from 1678 to 1985.

Although not quite as comprehensive as the Dictionary of American Children's Fiction, Helbig and Perkin's Dictionary of British Children's Fiction is still a source of specific information about British children's books and their authors.

Dictionary of Children's Fiction from Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, and Selected African Countries Written by Alethea K. Helbig and Agnes Regan Perkins, this reference work was published by Greenwood Press in 1992. Helbig and Perkins provide entries on book titles, authors, major characters, and settings. It features 726 entries based on 263 books. In selecting which books to include in this work, Helbig and Perkins placed their emphasis on books that are written in English.

This book is one of the best reference works available that deals with children's literature from an international perspective.

International Companion Encyclopedia of Children's Literature Edited by Peter Hunt, the International Companion Encyclopedia of Children's Literature was published by Routledge in 1996. This book is one of the only reference works in the field that does not focus on authors or individual titles. Instead, the book contains 86 scholarly essays which are organized around the following four subheadings: "Theory and Critical Approaches," "Types and Genres," "The Context of Children's Literature," and "The World of Children's Literature."

Among the ten entries in the section titled "Theory and Critical Approaches" are essays on reader-response criticism, psychoanalytic criticism, feminist criticism, and illustration and picture books.

Among the 26 entries in the section titled "Types and Genres" are essays on fairy and folk tales, playground rhymes, poetry, drama, animal stories, high fantasy, science fiction, family stories, school stories, historical fiction, and children's magazines.

Among the eighteen entries in the section titled "The Context of Children's Literature" are essays on children's book publishing in Britain, children's book publishing in the United States, censorship, prizes and prizewinners, librarianship, and bibliotherapy.

Among the 31 entries in the section titled "The World of Children's Literature" are essays on children's literature from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Russia, Eastern Europe, Israeli, the Arab world, Africa, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

Oxford Companion to Children's Literature Written by Humphrey Carpenter and Mari Prichard, this single-volume work was published by Oxford University Press in 1984. Carpenter and Prichard deal with children's literature from Britain, United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. Their book includes nearly 2,000 entries, about 900 of which focus on authors or illustrature. There are also entries are on important books, major children's magazines, famous characters from children's literature, and other related topics.

Dictionary of British Children's Fiction: Books of Recognized Merit. Alethes K. Helbig and Agnes Regan Perkins. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1989.

Dictionary of Children's Fiction from Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, and Selected African Countries: Books of Recognized Merit, Alethea K. Helbig and Agnes Regan Perkins. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1992.

International Companion Encyclopedia of Children's Literature. Peter Hunt. ed. New York: Routledge, 1996.

Oxford Companion to Children's Literature. Humphrey Carpenter and Mati Prichard. New York: Oxford University Press, 1984. As its title suggests, Oxford Companion to Children's Literature is a useful book to keep on hand while one is reading about children's literature. On such occasions, one often comes across references to unfamiliar books or authors. In most cases, basic information about these books and authors can be found in the Oxford Companion to Children's Literature. Carpenter and Prichard are British, which perhaps explains why their book is especially strong when it comes to British children's literature.

Works that focus on titles

Touchstones: Reflections on the Best in Children's Literature Edited by Perry Nodelman, this three-volume work was published by the Children's Literature Association. Unlike the many reference works that focus on children's authors, Touchstones contains scholarly essays on individual books for children.

Volume one, which was published in 1985, focuses on classic novels for children. Among its 28 entries are essays on Louisa May Alcott's Little Women, Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Frances Hodgson Burnett's The Secret Garden, Louise Fitzhugh's Harriet the Spy, Esther Forbes's Johnny Tremain, Robert O'Brien's Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH. Robert Louis Stevenson's Treasure Island, J. R. R. Tolkien's The Hobbit, Mark Twain's The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, and E. B. White's Charlotte's Web.

Volume two, which was published in 1987, deals with collections of fairy tales, myths, legends and poetry. Among its 20 entries are essays on Richard Chase's fack Tales, Joel Chandler Harris's Tales of Uncle Remus, Andrew Lang's The Blue Fairy Book. Edward Lear's Book of Nonsense, and Howard Pyle's The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood.

Volume three, which was published in 1989, deals with picture books. Among its 19 entries are essays on Wanda Ga'g's Millions of Cats, Ezra Jack Keats's The Snowy Day, Robert McCloskey's Make Way for Ducklings, Beatrix Potter's The Tale of Peter Rabbit, Maurice Sendak's Viene the Wild Things Are.

Dr. Seuss's The Five Hundred Hats of Bartholomica Cubbins.

Beacham's Guide to Literature for Young Adults Edited by Kirk H. Beetz and Suzanne Niemeyer, this five-volume series was published the Walter Beacham Company between 1989 and 1991. The series contains entries on about 400 books for older children and adolescents. Most of the entries are on novels, but it also includes entries on short story collections, biographies, autobiographies, and a few works of nonfiction.

Although this series is intended for a general audience, it is especially well suited for students who are doing research projects on particular books. All of the entries follow a format that young readers can easily understand. Each entry is divided into ten subsections. The first section deals with the author's life and career, which is followed by an overview of the book's contents. The third section discusses the book's setting, and the fourth deals with the thernes and characters found in the book. The next sections address the book's literary qualities and its potential for sparking controversy. The subheadings for the final four sections are "Topics for Discussion." "Ideas for Reports and Papers." "Related Titles/Adaptations," and "For Further Reference."

Touchstones: Reflections on the Best in Children's Literature. Perry Nodelman, ed. West Layfayette, IN: Children's Literature Association, 1985.

Beucham's Guide to Literature for Young Adults. Kirk H. Beetz and Suzanne Niemeyer, eds. Washington. D.C.: Beacham Pub., 1989-1991. This Land Is Our Land: A Guide to Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults. Written by Alethea K. Helbig and Agnes Regan Perkins, this one-volume work was published by Greenwood Press in 1994. Helbig and Perkins provide annotations for 559 books published from 1985 through 1993. Mithough most of these books are novels, there are also annotations on collections of stories from the oral tradition and works of poetry. This Land Is the Land is organized around four major ethnic groups within the United States: African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, and Native American Indians.

This Land Is Our Land: A Guide to Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults. Alethea K. Helbig and Agnes Regan Perkins. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1994.

Our Family, Our Friends. Our World: An Armotated Guide to Significant Multicultural Books for Children and Teenagers Written by Lyn Miller-Lachmann, this guide was published by R. R. Bowker in 1992. It begins with annotations about children's books dealing with four major ethnic groups within the United States. The second half deals with children's books dealing with different regions of the world. Each annotation includes a plot summary and an evaluation of the book. The book closes with an extensive index.

Our Family, Our Friends, Our World: An Annotated Guide to Significant Multicultural Books for Children and Teenagers. Lyn Miller-Lachmann. New Providence. NJ R.R. Bowker, 1992.

World Historical Fiction Guide for Young Adults Edited by Lee Gordon and Cheryl Tanaka, this book was published by Highsmith Press in 1995. Gordon and Tanaka provide entries on 800 historical novels written for young adults. The book includes entries on classic novels as well as works written more recently. Each entry provides a full bibliographic citation, a summary of the plot, a note about the book's setting, and information about the book's reading level.

World Historical Fiction Guide for Young Adults. Lee Diane Gordon and Cheryl Tanaka. Fort Atkinson, WI: Highsmith Press, 1995.

A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books. The 4th edition of Carolyn and John Lima's A to Zoo was published by R. R. Bowker in 1993. A to Zoo is a frequently used by children's librarians because it helps them answer many of the questions they are asked. Often a child or a parent will approach a children's librarian and ask a question like the one I recently put to a librarian I know. "My son is interested in knights," I said. "Do you know of any picture books that feature knights?" She took out A to Zoo, looked under the heading of knights, and read me the titles of six books. In addition to knights, A to Zoo provides 800 other subject headings. Over 14,000 picture books for preschool children through second graders are listed in the book.

A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books, 4th ed. Carolyn W. Lima, John A. Lima, New Providence, NJ: R.R. Bowker, 1993.

Works that focus on criticism

Children's Literature: A Guide to the Criticism. Written by Linnen Hendrickson, Children's Literature: A Guide to the Criticism was published by G. K. Hall in 1987. Hendrickson provides publication information and brief annotations for articles, books, and dissertations relating to children's literature criticism. The book is divided into two major sections. Part A is titled "Authors and Their Works," and Part B is titled "Subjects, Themes, and Genres." Hendrickson also provides an "Index of Critics," and an "Index of Authors, Titles, and Subjects." Most of the sources cited in this book date between 1970 and 1986, although some older sources are also included.

C'hildren's Literature: A Guide to C'riticism. Linnea Hendrickson. Eoston: G.K.Hall, 1987. Research and Professional Resources in Children's Literature. Piecing a Patchwork Quilt. Edited by Kathy G. Short. Research and Professional Resources in Children's Literature was published by the International Reading Association in 1995. This is a good reference work to use in conjunction with Hendrickson's Children's Literature: A Guide to the Criticism. Like Hendrickson's guide. Short's book provides publication information and brief annotations for articles and books about children's literature, but Short's book focuses on the sources that were published between January 1985 and December 1993. Short asso provides an author index and a subject index.

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Children's Literature Abstracts. Founded in 1973, Children's Literature Abstracts, is published by the International Federation of Library Associations. Six issues of this publication come out each year. Four of these issues contain abstracts of articles that deal with children's literature, and the other two issues contain abstracts of recent'y published books and pamphlets. In most issues of Children's Literature Abstracts there are eighteen subheadings under which the abstracts are listed, including "Authors and Illustrators," "Awards Prizes, and Organizations," "Curricultum, Instruction, and Bibliotherape "Fantasy and Science Fiction," "Historical and Sociological Studies" "National and Minority Literatures," "Nonfiction," "Poetry," and "Young Adult Literature."

Children's Literature Abstracts no 1 (May 1973)— . [Birmingham England]: Sub-Section on Licrary Work with Children International Federation of Library Associations. Quarterly.

The sources that are abstracted in this reference work come from a virteery of countries. Consequently, American users of this reference work may have to use inter-library foan services to obtain copies of some of the articles that are summarized in Children's Literature Abstracts.

Children's Book Review Index of no 1 (janu Apr. 1971) — Detroit Galo, Annual

Children's Book Review Index Gaie Research has brought out a new volume of this reference work each year since 1975. Children's Book Review Index provides access to reviews of children's books published in about 175 periodicals. The entries are arranged by the names of the authors. An illustrator index and title index can be found at the end of each volume.

In order to use Children's Book Review Index, readers need to know the original publication date of the book that they are looking up. In addition to checking the annual volume that corresponds with the book's publication date, researchers should also check the next couple of volumes. The reason for this is that book reviews often come out a year or two after the book was first published.

The Horn Book Guide to Children's end Young Adult Books. Founded in 1985, The Horn Book Guide is published twice a year by the Horn Book Company. This reference work provides short critical annotations of all hardcover tradicipalities, books published in the United States. The editors of The Horn Book Guide strive to cover each of these books no later than six months after its original publication. Every book that is covered is rated on a scale of single six, with one being outstanding and six being unacceptable.

The Hom Book Coude is an especially useful tool for librarians shower responsible for selecting the books to be included in the children's seeing of libraries

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Journals and Periodicals Related to Children's Literature

Chapter 3

While conducting the research for this chapter, I asked a number of chilfrom literature specialists to name all of the children's literature journals with which they were familiar. In most cases, they listed seven or eight jourmals, but the ones that they mentioned varied considerably. The librarians ash whom I spoke often listed Horn Book, Journal of Youth Services in Libraries, and Book Links. The reading specialists cited such journals as Teaching and isoming Extereture, journal of Children's Literature, and New Advocate. The peowho taught children's literature courses in English departments frementioned The Lion and the Unicorn, Children's Literature, and Viablien's Literature Association Quarterly. Almost everyone I spoke to was surpused to learn that are there are twenty-eight periodicals that deal extensuch with children's literature and at least another twenty-three that regularly publish articles on the topic. The findings of my informal survey raggest that the subdivisions within the field of children's literature have had the infortunate effect of limiting the readership of the numerous journals that deal with children's literature. One of my goals in writing this chapter is to help the members of these various subdivisions to become more familiar with the journals from the other subdivisions.

This chapter provides key information about a wide variety of journals and periodicals that publish articles about children's literature. The first part of the chapter provides descriptions of journals that focus largely on children's literature and supplies subscription information for these journals. The chapter closes with an annotated list of twenty-two other journals that equilarly include articles on some aspect of children's literature. All of the chapter are either published in the United States or the widely available in America. This chapter does not include information an journals that focus on just one author. Such journals are usually published has organizations that are devoted to particular authors, and I have made note of these publications in my chapter on organizations related to children's literature. Readers should also be aware that the information I have provided about the costs of subscribing to these journals is always subject to change.

Journals that deal extensively with children's literature

ALAN Review ALAN Review is brought out three times a year by the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents, which is affiliated with the National Council of Teachers of English. This journal publishes a variety of articles, including critical studies of novels for young adults, annotated bibliographies of young adult books that focus on particular themes, and reports on the use of young adult literature in the classroom. It also includes reviews of recently published books for adolescents and a number of regular columns, such as "The Library Connection," The Censorship Connection," and "The Diversity Connection." The annual subscription rate which includes membership in the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents, is \$15.

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