

## Course details

### Course title

Literature: Children's Fantasy Novels

### Course code

Q00017990

### Course date

Start: 23/11/24

End: 23/11/24

### Number of classes

1 sessions

### Timetable

Sat 23rd Nov, 10:30 to 16:30

### Tutor

James Clarke

### Fee range

Free to £25.20

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

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### Venue

Norwich Millennium Library (Norwich)

Millennium Library  
The Forum, Millennium Plain  
Norwich  
NR2 1AW

## Course overview

Interested in children's fantasy novels? This day school delves into classics like J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*, Ursula K. LeGuin's *A Wizard of Earthsea*, and J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*. No need to read the entire novels; we'll focus on specific chapters. Explore the literary significance and themes of these works, and discuss their lasting legacy. Resources will be available on Canvas for pre- and post-session reflection. The day combines tutor presentations with group discussions, connecting the novels to broader cultural contexts and examining how fiction relates to the real world.

## Course description

Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of classic children's fantasy novels with our day school dedicated to this beloved literary tradition. This course offers a dive into the works of J.R.R. Tolkien, Ursula K. LeGuin, and J.M. Barrie, focusing on their celebrated titles: *The Hobbit*, *A Wizard of Earthsea*, and *Peter Pan*.

You are not required to read the entire novels beforehand; instead, we will concentrate on selected chapters to facilitate in-depth discussions. Our exploration will cover the literary significance of these authors, examining the themes and ideas they present in their stories. Additionally, we will consider the enduring legacy of these classic titles and their impact on the genre and readers alike.

All essential resources and readings will be provided before the day school, allowing you to prepare and reflect both before and after the session. The course structure includes a mix of tutor-led presentations and engaging group discussions, providing a comprehensive understanding of the material.

Throughout the day, we will alternate between detailed analyses of the texts and the broader cultural contexts in which they were written. This approach will help us understand how these fantastical narratives relate to the real world, offering insights into the timeless appeal of children's fantasy literature.

Join us for a captivating journey through some of the most iconic works in children's fantasy literature, and deepen your appreciation for the stories that have shaped the imaginations of generations.

## What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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