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### IN MEMORY OF

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Since the beginning, this book has been shaped by the legacy of Bee Cullinan, whose foundational first two editions continue to influence every new edition. Bee died in February 2015, but her legacy remains vibrant in the work of the many she taught and influenced. I am fortunate to have studied with her, to have written with her for many years, and to have had the opportunity to pass on her knowledge and love of books to my own students. Even more, Bee was my friend and mentor, my "academic mother," and close to my family as well. My two children were enchanted by her when they were young. Bee's loving manner, her prodigious energy, and her absolute focus on and delight in children made her an honorary "Aunt Bee" to them.

Bee was also a force in the field. Past President of the International Literacy Association, a member of the Reading Hall of Fame, on many boards and panels, a prolific and persuasive speaker, an editor who helped establish the poetry imprint *Wordsong*, and a writer who encouraged others to shape their own visions into words, Bee was an involved and passionate ambassador for children's literature as well as a remarkable teacher, mentor, and human being. She once told me that I would be remembered for the kind of teacher I was, the things I wrote, and the children I raised. She will, as well, as long as those of us who loved her are alive.

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For Bennett Pearson Hoyme, from his Readie and for young readers Zev, Zoë, and Lexie Liang, from their Mommy



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# **PREFACE**

After fifteen years of the twenty-first century, books are still a central part of our lives and the lives of our children. Even those who create the many wonderful technological advances that have marked the past decades freely admit that a great book is a necessary precursor to other successful formats. Good books in varied formats offer all of us the opportunity to engage with another's vision of the world, from fictional narratives to poetry to nonfiction. Books challenge us to invest ourselves in meaning-making. Authors and illustrators know that reading is not a passive act but one that requires work on the part of the reader. Readers know this as well; they understand that when they open a book they use an author's words or an artist's illustrations to create their own meaning. Books also allow us time to contemplate, to stop and think. In these days of information overload and constant demands for quick response, the opportunity to linger in the spell of a good book is invaluable. And so we readers, teachers, librarians, parents, grandparents, and friends seek to pass this opportunity on to the children and adolescents with whom we share our lives. This desire to "pass it on" fuels the writing of this textbook.

# ABOUT THE NINTH EDITION

Every edition of this text has been shaped by the field, reflected not only in the books that are included in each, but also the manner in which we discuss them. This remains true for the ninth edition. For example, we have reorganized the order of the chapters, placing nonfiction earlier as an acknowledgment of the current focus on adding nonfiction to the curriculum. We have also expanded our discussion of picturebooks, focusing on the illustrations in Chapter 3 and the various types of picturebooks in Chapter 4. The entire book has been updated, and many of the Booklists have been reorganized to make them more

useful to students. Standards have shaped our educational system, and Teaching Ideas in Literature and the Child, Ninth Edition, are linked to the Common Core English Language Arts Standards for kindergarten through grade eight. We have also created several Teaching Ideas that are specifically useful when working with English language learners and struggling readers, and have included some that explore graphic novels in appropriate chapters. Further, Chapters 3 through 11 all include a suggestion for using technology, called Tech Support, as well as a new Dear Teacher feature in Chapters 3 through 12 in which we address questions we've been asked about how to work with the genre focused on in the chapter. We have consolidated and reorganized the final teaching chapter to end the book with solid principles and strategies for using children's literature in the K-8 classroom. We have again emphasized the distinction between genre and format, and have tried to include both representative picturebooks and graphic novels in Chapters 5 through 11. There are also many new "A Close Look at" features throughout the text.

Again in this edition, diverse literature was woven into every chapter, but is also highlighted in Chapter 1 with a very explicit introduction to the names and books of the many wonderful authors and illustrators who create books from parallel cultures. Thus, in Chapter 1, we open with an argument for why literature is important in the lives of children before we present a brief history of that literature. In our discussion of children's literature in the twentyfirst century, we move toward an emphasis on the rise of culturally diverse and global literature, with the names of authors and illustrators who contribute to this diversity included in the Booklist at the end of that chapter. We also have kept a brief discussion of the Common Core Standards and the vital role of literature in teaching to the Standards. Chapter 2 has been updated with new research on reader response, especially that which involves cultural concerns, and also contains a brief discussion of censorship, moved

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from Chapter 1 and linked to our discussion of ideology in literature and the responses of readers.

With the explosion of picturebooks and graphic novels, Chapter 3 has also exploded into two chapters, both of which were updated by Dr. Jennifer Graff, University of Georgia. In Chapter 3, we focus on the visual art of picturebooks and how to understand the exquisite craft of illustration. Chapter 4 then focuses on picturebooks in various genres and formats, and we have added a brief section on graphic novels. We also include graphic novels and picturebooks in as many other genre chapters as was appropriate. Chapter 5, now Nonfiction, follows directly after the discussion of picturebooks to highlight the marked increase in nonfiction picturebooks and remind readers of the art of nonfiction. Chapter 6, updated by Dr. Maureen Boyd, University at Buffalo, State University of New York, and chapters 7, 8, and 9 have been updated with new titles; chapters 8 and 9 have also been restructured to better present the particulars of the genres. Chapter 10 highlights many new titles in biography, as well as explores the rising popularity of this genre with children and in the awards arena. Chapter 11 is now the poetry chapter, which has been updated and restructured to provide more information in fewer pages. Chapter 12 now replaces last edition's two teaching chapters by addressing best practices, including Dr. Boyd's suggestions for discussions, as well as other aspects of effective uses of literature.

# SPECIAL FEATURES AND PEDAGOGY

This ninth edition includes a wide range of features and aids to help make the study of children's literature more informative, engaging, and relevant.

- Beautiful, full-color **illustrations** from outstanding children's literature are featured in a large format.
- Every one of the many, practical Teaching Ideas
  is linked to the Common Core English Language Arts Standards for kindergarten through
  grade eight. Teaching Ideas are geared specifically toward working with English language
  learners and struggling readers when appropriate. Others focus on using graphic novels.
- Chapters 3 through 11 each have a new Tech Support feature that includes an idea for including technology with literature.
- Chapters 3 through 12 each include a new **Dear Teacher** feature in which the authors of this text directly address questions that many teachers ask them.

- Profile boxes, focusing on a specific author or illustrator, provide additional information about some of the people who have helped to make children's literature the vast and rich field it has become.
- "A Close Look at" sections delve into specific works discussed within the text.
- Many boxed figures contain exceptional resources relating to children's literature.
- The front endpages include the criteria of excellence figures from throughout the book, assembled in one conveniently located place. The back endpages present the Children's Literature Assembly's document "The Value of Children's Literature Courses within Teacher Education."
- **Booklists** are presented throughout, representing the best offerings related to each chapter.

# SUPPLEMENT PACKAGE

# Online Instructor's Manual with Test Bank

An online instructor's manual accompanies this book. It contains information to assist the instructor in designing the course, including sample syllabi, discussion questions, teaching and learning activities, field experiences, learning objectives, and additional online resources. For assessment support, the updated test bank includes true/false, multiple-choice, matching, short-answer, and essay questions for each chapter.

### **PowerPoint Lecture Slides**

These vibrant Microsoft PowerPoint lecture slides for each chapter assist you with your lecture by providing concept coverage using images, figures, and tables directly from the textbook.

### Cognero

Cengage Learning Testing Powered by Cognero is a flexible online system that allows you to author, edit, and manage test bank content from multiple Cengage Learning solutions; create multiple test versions in an instant; and deliver tests from your LMS, your classroom, or wherever you want.

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to improve the text and keep it current, reflecting the field as it evolves. Aimee Rogers, assistant professor at the University of North Dakota, managed to convert Lee to a great appreciation of graphic novels while she was a doctoral student at the University of Minnesota, and her Teaching Ideas using graphic novels enrich this edition. She also suggested changes in our discussion of graphic novels and helped us shape what we say about them. Lori Laster, doctoral student at the University of Minnesota, knows a great deal about fantastic literature; her influence is apparent in Chapter 7. Rachel Skrlac Lo, doctoral student at the University of Pennsylvania, contributed titles and ideas for our discussion of international and diverse books in Chapter 1. Rachel was one of Larry Sipe's students when he died, and we were glad to include a small piece of Larry's legacy by working with her. Raven Cromwell, doctoral student at the University of Utah, was an excellent help with updating the appendices and assisting with the categorization in Chapter 10's booklist. Megan McDonald van Deventer, doctoral student at University of Minnesota, dealt with references throughout the book. Collette Morgan, manager of The Wild Rumpus bookstore in Minneapolis, gave Lee advance reader copies and spent several hours "talking books" with her; the employees at The Wild Rumpus were always cheerful and helpful when Lee arrived with long lists of books to purchase. Dear friend and colleague Rebecca Rapport is also present in this text, as she and Lee "talk books" on a regular basis.

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# ABOUT THE AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATOR



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After teaching in elementary- and middle-school classrooms for a number of years, Lee Galda received her PhD in English Education from New York University. She is the Marguerite Henry Professor of Children's Literature, Emerita, at the University of Minnesota where she taught undergraduate and graduate courses in children's and young adult literature. Lee was a member of the International Literacy Association and the United States Board on Books for Young People, working on various committees related to literature. She was children's books department editor for The Reading Teacher from 1989 to 1993; a member of the 2003 Newbery Committee; a member of the International Literacy Association Book Award Selection Committee for five years, co-chairing that committee in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012; and a member of the USBBY Bridge to Understanding Award Committee in 2008 through 2011, chairing that committee in 2011. She sat on the review boards of several professional journals and on the editorial boards of Children's Literature in Education and Journal of Children's Literature. Author of numerous articles, books, and book chapters about children's literature and response, she was lead author of the first chapter on children's literature appearing in the Handbook of Reading Research (Volume III). In 2011, Lee received the International Literacy Association Arbuthnot Award for excellence in teaching children's literature. Lee lives in Bloomington, Minnesota, with her husband.



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Bernice E. Cullinan

Bernice E. Cullinan was known both nationally and internationally for her work in children's literature. She wrote more than thirty books on literature for classroom teachers and librarians, including *Literature and the Child, Poetry Lessons to Dazzle and Delight,* and *Three Voices: Invitation to Poetry across the Curriculum.* She authored a book for parents, *Read to Me: Raising Kids Who Love to Read.* Dr. Cullinan was editor in chief of *Wordsong*—the poetry imprint of Boyds Mills Press, a Highlights for Children Company—and collected poems written by the recipients of the National Council of Teachers of English Award for Poetry in *A Jar of Tiny Stars* and subsequent volumes. She served as president of the International Literacy Association, was inducted into the Reading Hall of Fame and The Ohio State University Hall of Fame, and selected as the recipient of the Arbuthnot Award for Outstanding Teacher of Children's Literature. Dr. Cullinan died in February 2015.



**Lauren Stringer** 

Lauren Stringer writes and paints picturebooks and designs sets for circus and theatre in a big, pink Victorian house in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her first picturebook, *Mud*, written by Mary Lyn Ray, won a Minnesota Book Award, IRA Children's Choice Award, Crayola Kids Best Book of the Year Award and was declared a "Flying Starts" by Publisher's Weekly. Since *Mud*, Lauren has continued illustrating many award-winning picturebooks, including *Scarecrow* and *Snow*, both written by Cynthia Rylant, *Fold Me A Poem*, written by Kristine O'Connell George, *Our Family Tree: An Evolution Story*, written by Lisa Westberg Peters, *The Princess and Her Panther*, written by Wendy Orr, and *Tell Me About Your Day Today*, written by Mem Fox. Her own *Winter Is the Warmest Season* was a Booklist Editor's Choice and a finalist for the Minnesota Book Award. Her story *When Stravinsky Met Nijinsky* won the McKnight Foundation Fellowship for writing in children's literature in 2012 and was a Booklist's Top Ten Art Books for 2013 as well as an ALA Notable Book. Lauren' latest illustrated picturebook, *Deer Dancer*, written by Mary Lyn Ray, was a Booklist Top Ten Art Books for 2014. Read more about her books at www laurenstringer.com.



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