

ENGL 318: TOPICS IN CREATIVE WRITING: WRITING FOR KIDS AND TEENS

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Most of us remember books we loved reading and re-reading when we were growing up.

In this course we will discover what makes those beloved books so special and learn some techniques for crafting our own picture books, middle grade novels, and young adult novels.

Along the way, we'll discuss the ten universal lessons, create heroes who are story-worthy, learn about story genres, and write loglines and beat sheets.

This promises to be a very fun class. I hope you'll join me.

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