

VICTORIAN FANTASY

Is this the real life?

Is this just fantasy?

Queen



English 393A

Tuesday & Thursday 1-2:15

Dr. John Lamb

While fantasy literature in English dates to the Middle Ages, it enjoyed a resurgence in the nineteenth century, where it occasionally merged with the golden age of children's literature and a reconceptualization of the child. But beneath the sometimes-carefree patina of childhood lurked darker adult desires and anxieties, where make believe became the vehicle for exploring the social and cultural tensions in an emerging 'modern' world.

Possible Texts:

Charles Kingsley

Christina Rossetti

Lewis Carroll

George MacDonald

Arthur Machen

William Morris

Various Authors

Echevarria & Beacham

The Water Babies

"Goblin Market"

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Phantastes and Lilith

The Great God Pan

The Water of the Wondrous Isles

Forbidden Journeys: Fairy Tales and Fantasies by Victorian Women Writers

Carnival Row (television series)