

Heitman, Jane. *Once Upon a Time: Fairy Tales in the Library and Language Arts Classroom for Grades 3-6*. Columbus, Ohio: Linworth Books, 2007. xvi, 132p. \$36.95 (ISBN: 158683231X)

Jane Heitman, a teacher/school librarian for 25 years, has created a book for teachers and librarians to use in the teaching of language arts utilizing fairy tales. Highlighting eight classical fairy tales, the author provides information and suggestions for the librarian, teacher or the librarian and teacher that work in collaboration.

Whether through reading themselves, or having the tales read to them, or through movies, children know fairy tales, the author notes. The fairy tales also offer cross-cultural connections. With this background, Jane Heitman offers ideas, reproducible templates, activities, worksheets and assessments for the instruction of reading, writing, speaking and listening. She lists the IRA and NCTE standards that are covering in the instruction. She does not give the ALA Information Literacy Standards, which would have also been helpful, but she does give the web site address. She does list three sources about copyright.

For each of the eight fairy tales included in the book, the author has a bibliography for sources consulted and an annotated bibliography of similar fairy tales from various cultures. At the end of the book, Ms. Heitman offers a bibliography of cited works and another bibliography of web sites which offer information on standards, fractured fairy tales, histories of fairy tales, mock trials, teacher helps, recipes, and read-alouds. There is also a helpful index of all the fairy tales, authors, and topics covered in the book.

This book would be a valuable addition to an elementary and middle school professional library as well as a public library. It offers learning with the eight specific fairy tales but the suggestions and tools offered could be applied to many other fairy tales.

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