

LITERACY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FORUM

Newsletter of the Literacy & Social Responsibility Special Interest Group
International Reading Association
Spring 2003

ALL CONFEREES WELCOME!

Join us at 2:00-4:45 pm, Wednesday,
May 7, 2003 in Salon 7, Rosen Centre,
Orlando

**Organizer & Chairing: J. Cynthia
McDermott**, California State
University, Dominguez Hills

Keynote Address: Ethical Ideas and the Books that Support Them

Speaker: Laura Tillotson, Book Links

Do We Need It? The Art of Speaking in the Context of Relationships

Speaker: **Ardith D. Cole**, New York
State, East Amherst

Roundtable Presentations:

- **Learning to Teach; Teaching to
Learn Across the Curriculum Using the
Holocaust**

Speakers: Carole Turner & Joe Pelkola,
Ishpeming Public Schools, Michigan

- **Linking Literacy with Moral
Education** Speaker: Vickie E. Lake,
Florida State University

- **New Good Books to Hook
Reluctant Readers, Foster Respect
for Diverse Cultures, & Stimulate
Interest in the Natural World**

Speaker: Armin Schulz, California State
University, Stanislaus

- **Create a Schoolwide Literacy
Program Using California's
Handbook of Research-Based
Strategies to Close the Gap**

Speakers: Eleanor Black Eskey,
California State University, LA &
UCLA & Beth Breneman, California
Department of Education

- **How to Use Picture Books at All
Grade Levels to Help Students
Celebrate Our Roots and Dreams**

Speakers: Rosalie K. Fruchter,
Chicago Public Schools

- **Early Childhood Education: Three
Narratives Related to Social &
Literacy Justice Issues**

Speaker: Marsha Thicksten, California
State University, Long Beach

- **Conclusion:**

Speaker: John LaCorte, California State
University Dominguez Hills

- **Business Meeting:** All interested
attendees are welcome.

Happy Hour following the session
(details to be announced)

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This new, groundbreaking IRA publication, a May 2003 Book Club selection, is likely to be of interest and use to L&SR members!

**Getting Beyond "I Like the Book":
Creating Space for Critical Literacy in K-6 Classrooms**

Vivian Vasquez, with Michael R. Muise, Susan C. Adamson, Lee Heffernan, David Chiola-Nakai, and Janice Shear

How can teachers use critical literacy as a

framework for teaching and learning? Vivian Vasquez and her colleagues show you how in this book that represents their varied experiences as they attempted to put a critical edge on kindergarten to sixth-grade students' discussions about books and other texts, thus creating spaces for critical literacy in the classroom.

The book focuses on how the authors used children's literature in combination with other texts to introduce critical conversations and construct social action projects in their classrooms. The chapters show how the authors used books on four fronts: (1) pairing everyday texts with texts written for children, (2) using books to focus on social issues by bringing the outside world into the classroom, (3) using children's literature to unpack social issues in the school community, and (4) using children's literature critically in the content areas. Central to each chapter are the issues that students raise about the world and what a difference a critical literacy discourse makes in the classroom.

Getting Beyond "I Like the Book" provides classroom strategies and annotated lists of children's literature that you can use to encourage and support children's critical conversations. Also interspersed throughout the book and others in the Kids InSight Series are Reflection Points, vignettes, and suggested readings. The stories in this book will intersect with your own experiences and will lead you to consider engaging in critical literacies in your own context.

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"All acts performed in the world begin in the imagination." Barbara Grizzuti Harrison