**From Narnia to the Hundred Acre Wood: Teaching Life Lessons Through Children’s Literature**

**“Perhaps it is only in childhood that books have any deep influence on our lives… In childhood, all books are books of divinations, telling us the future.”**

**Graham Greene**

**Author**

**“The books we happen to latch onto as children help to furnish our imagination, and, to a certain degree, our identity.”**

**Laura Miller**

**Author, *The Magician’s Book***

**“Readers are able to control a part of their world for as long as it takes to read (or reread) a book. Even though the world will spin in its own, unfathomable direction, readers – for a time – control at least a part of their universe.”**

**Maria Salvadore**

**Children’s Literature Specialist**

**“Reason 1,000,001 to have children: you get to read children’s books all over again, no apologies or explanations required, and you get to understand them in a whole new way.”**

**Scott Simon**

**Radio/TV Commentator**

**“Truly to hold childhood in the memory means to know again…what is genuine and what false, what is good and what bad.”**

**Erich Kastner**

**Author, *Emil and the Detectives***

**“I believe that children’s books are the last pond in the Serengeti. They are the one place we go to drink for inspiration. All of us can still go.”**

**Wendell Minor**

**Children’s Book Illustrator**

**“A book isn’t just words and pictures. Reading is magnanimous. A book becomes the person who is reading it.”**

**Eric Rohmann**

**Author**

**“Whether we are called upon to govern a nation or organize a birthday party for too many children, the key to both surviving our days and cultivating our next generation is many books, well chosen.”**

**Kyle Zimmer**

**Director of First Book**

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