Children's Literature: A Very Short Introduction

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Children's Literature: A Very Short Introduction provides an overview of the history of children's literature as it has developed in English, introducing key debates, developments, and figures in the field. This vast and amorphous subject is both intimately related to other areas of literary and cultural investigation but also has its own set of concerns, issues, and challenges. Raising questions about what shape the future of literature for children should take, and exploring the crossover with adult fiction, this VSI shows that writing for children — whether on page or screen — participated in shaping and directing ideas about culture, society, and childhood.