

Future Learn: Power of Picturebooks

Trailer

Nicola: Picturebooks are often underestimated, probably because they are associated with children, but actually the combination of text and illustration in every picturebook makes them a powerful reflection of cultural norms and new ideas.

Dianne: In this course, we will introduce you to the power of picturebooks by taking a look at their history, by examining the way multiple languages are used in multi-lingual picturebooks, and by examining how picturebooks introduce us to social issues.

Nicola: We will invite you to reminisce about picturebooks which have special meaning for you.

Dianne: Together we will take a closer look at the illustrations in picturebooks and look more deeply into their meaning through the visual techniques used by illustrators to complement or even contradict the text.

Nicola: We will hear from the author and illustrator of the well-known Hairy Maclary series who will give us new insights into her work and creative processes.

Dianne: We will investigate the use of multiple languages in picturebooks and explore how their presentation changes according to their status and the purpose of the picturebook.

Nicola: We will meet an author who will share his work in creating a bilingual picturebook. We will look at how picturebooks help us to learn more about ourselves and others and how we can look at wider societal issues through picturebooks: such as gender and poverty.

Dianne: So join us, to discover the power of picturebooks.