



From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature

By Maria Nikolajeva

Download now

Read Online 

From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva

Now available in paperback! In this radically new approach to text typology, Maria Nikolajeva examines the depiction of time in literature for children. Nikolajeva identifies a continuum of texts ranging from those that depict non-linear time, typical of archaic, or mythical, thought, to those that express linearity, typical of contemporary mainstream literature. The author argues that literature is a deconstruction, a displacement, of myth, and that it depicts a symbolic coming-of-age process rather than a strictly representational reflection of a concrete "reality." The texts are categorized by the degree to which the coming-of-age process is accomplished; the movement is from an initial condition of primary harmony (Arcadia, Paradise, Utopia) through different stages toward either a successful or a failed passage.

From Mythic to Linear is a broad study, encompassing a number of children's novels from different epochs and countries: Scandinavian, British, American, Canadian, Australian, South African, and East European. The international character contributes a better knowledge of children's literature from different parts of the world?widening the horizons of children's literature research too often confined to one particular country.

Nikolajeva's unique approach allows her to disregard the traditional, and some would argue obsolete, division of children's novels into realism and fantasy.

With its unique approach and broad international scope, *From Mythic to Linear* will be of interest to all those interested in children's literature and in comparative literature in general. Includes bibliography and footnotes.

 [Download From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Lit ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's L ...pdf](#)

From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature

By Maria Nikolajeva

From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva

Now available in paperback! In this radically new approach to text typology, Maria Nikolajeva examines the depiction of time in literature for children. Nikolajeva identifies a continuum of texts ranging from those that depict non-linear time, typical of archaic, or mythical, thought, to those that express linearity, typical of contemporary mainstream literature. The author argues that literature is a deconstruction, a displacement, of myth, and that it depicts a symbolic coming-of-age process rather than a strictly representational reflection of a concrete "reality." The texts are categorized by the degree to which the coming-of-age process is accomplished; the movement is from an initial condition of primary harmony (Arcadia, Paradise, Utopia) through different stages toward either a successful or a failed passage.

From Mythic to Linear is a broad study, encompassing a number of children's novels from different epochs and countries: Scandinavian, British, American, Canadian, Australian, South African, and East European. The international character contributes a better knowledge of children's literature from different parts of the world?widening the horizons of children's literature research too often confined to one particular country.

Nikolajeva's unique approach allows her to disregard the traditional, and some would argue obsolete, division of children's novels into realism and fantasy.

With its unique approach and broad international scope, *From Mythic to Linear* will be of interest to all those interested in children's literature and in comparative literature in general. Includes bibliography and footnotes.

From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #6321610 in Books
- Published on: 1991-01-01
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.52" h x .94" w x 5.52" l, .91 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 318 pages

 [Download From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Lit ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's L ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online From *Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature* By Maria Nikolajeva

Editorial Review

Review

This is a work for those who are interested in a new and interesting slant on the nature of children's fiction. Despite its theoretical basis the book is straightforward to read, and the author's breadth and depth of knowledge of her subject, together with her often perceptive insights into it, make it rewarding reading. (*Orana*)

...a well researched and thorough book...From *Mythic to Linear* crosses many boundaries in order to broaden our view of both time and children's fiction. Nikolajeva gives scholars from a variety of different areas of literary study food - and time - for thought. (*The Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts*)

The organizing principle of time allows Nikolajeva to work with a broad range of concerns. She often considers specific works with depth - highlighting how the plot fits her scheme, while at times considering linguistic markers to make her point. Throughout she makes the case that the theoretical distinction between "realistic" and "nonrealistic" children's books is not helpful. She also grapples with the complex relationship between myth, folktale, and children's literature, relying on a Jungian framework (though Nikolajeva takes pains to make connections between her framework and other literary and psychological theories). The book's index of titles is a valuable resource. (*Journal of Folklore Research*)

...Nikolajeva clearly explains the theoretical bases of her analyses and provides an admirably accessible, intelligent, and stimulating study of children's fiction. (*CHOICE*)

About the Author

Maria Nikolajeva is Professor of Comparative Literature at Stockholm University in Stockholm, Sweden. She was the president of the International Research Society for Children's Literature 1993-97. She has also been member of the North American Children's Literature Association since 1985 and has served on its International Committee.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Ebony Lower:

This book untitled From *Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature* to be one of several books this best seller in this year, here is because when you read this publication you can get a lot of benefit onto it. You will easily to buy this particular book in the book retailer or you can order it by using online. The publisher of the book sells the e-book too. It makes you easier to read this book, since you can read this book in your Smart phone. So there is no reason to you to past this e-book from your list.

Kenneth Wallace:

The particular book From *Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature* has a lot info on it. So when you check out this book you can get a lot of gain. The book was authored by the very famous author. McDougal

makes some research prior to write this book. This book very easy to read you can find the point easily after looking over this book.

Chris Holmes:

Playing with family in a park, coming to see the marine world or hanging out with pals is thing that usually you have done when you have spare time, subsequently why you don't try thing that really opposite from that. Just one activity that make you not sense tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you are ride on and with addition details. Even you love From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature, you may enjoy both. It is great combination right, you still need to miss it? What kind of hang-out type is it? Oh seriously its mind hangout fellas. What? Still don't get it, oh come on its identified as reading friends.

Patricia Morales:

Are you kind of stressful person, only have 10 or perhaps 15 minute in your day to upgrading your mind skill or thinking skill possibly analytical thinking? Then you are receiving problem with the book when compared with can satisfy your short period of time to read it because all this time you only find publication that need more time to be read. From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature can be your answer because it can be read by a person who have those short free time problems.

Download and Read Online From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva #XVY1PFUS096

Read From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva for online ebook

From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva books to read online.

Online From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva ebook PDF download

From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva Doc

From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva MobiPocket

From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva EPub

XVY1PFUS096: From Mythic to Linear: Time in Children's Literature By Maria Nikolajeva