The Brightest Part of the Forest: A Grit Analysis of an Ontario Children’s Book Award

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ABSTRACT

This study explores how grit manifests in the nominees of Ontario’s Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award children’s literature competition from 2013-2018. Performing a document analysis (Bowen, 2009), we used a modified version of Duckworth’s (2018) grit scale to gauge the grittiness of the nominees’ protagonists. We found that 28 of the 60 titles portrayed grit with 19 of those titles scoring four or higher on the modified grit scale indicating that protagonists had consistently high scores for the various aspects of grit. Our paper concludes with a discussion about implications to educators seeking to use these books to engage students in discussions about grit and resilience.

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The Beverley children lived alone at Arnwood, with an old woman who did the cooking and all the work of the house. Their father, Colonel Beverley, was killed while fighting for King Charles I at Naseby in 1645. Before he left home, he asked Jacob, a poor forester who lived near Arnwood, to look after his family. Jacob knew the family well and was happy to do this. And when the children's mother died a few months later, Jacob came every day to visit the children and to help them. 'My dear boy,' Jacob said, 'remember your sisters and brother. The soldiers will shoot them, or this study explores how grit manifests in the nominees of Ontario's Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award children's literature competition from 2013-2018. Performing a document analysis (Bowen, 2009), we used a modified version of Duckworth's (2018) grit scale to gauge the grittiness of the nominees' protagonists. We found that 28 of the 60 titles portrayed grit with 19 of those titles scoring four or higher on the modified grit scale indicating that protagonists had consistently high scores for...
the various aspects of grit. Our paper concludes with a discussion about implications to educators's Describing A Forest 77 comments. Describing a forest is made easy by looking at the post below. If you wish to access the full chapter in PDF, click here: DESCRIBING A FOREST. This extract is from the book 'Writing with Stardust'. If you wish to know more about it, just click on any of the book images below. Enjoy the post and I hope it helps you whether you are a student, teacher or a parent. THE FOREST. Huge roots spread-eagled the ground, twisting like the great backs of sea dinosaurs. The foliage became thick and lush, forming an arch of fairytale-green above our heads. Arthritic boughs, gnarled with age, dripped their bounty of nuts onto the path. Briars, brambles and berry trees flanked the trail, making it impenetrable on either side. The children have to forget about their noble origin and learn to run the household. They live a quiet but poor life and secretly dream not only to survive, but also to restore justice. Tags: prison murder family escape court children-literature. Text Analysis: Unique words: 735 Total words: 6403. Read unlimited* books and audiobooks on the web, iPad, iPhone and Android. The forest here came close to the beach. Far beyond, dim and almost cloudlike in texture, rose the mountains, like suddenly frozen waves. The sea was still save for an almost imperceptible swell. The sky blazed. The man with the carved paddle stopped. It should be somewhere here, he said. He shipped the paddle and held his arms out straight before him. The other man had been in the fore part of. You've reached the end of this preview. Sign up to read more! Start your free trial. Page 1 of 1. Reviews. Loading.