

# Exploring Fantasy Literature

## after Harry Potter Changed the World

Thurs, Sept 20, 2007, from 4:00 pm to 8:45 pm ♦ Plymouth Radisson, Plymouth, MN

Three fantasy experts provide four hours of insight, hands-on experience, and applications for fantasy literature in the classroom, in your library, or in your own writing.

Whether you love to read fantasy, don't understand what kids find so fascinating, or you're hoping to write the next blockbuster fantasy novel, you'll be glad you attended this workshop. If you come for no other reason, these three are *good* speakers.



### GERALD MORRIS

#### "Still Using Enchantment: The Meaning and Importance of Fantasy"

Fantasy has for some time been one of the ugly stepsisters of literature. Other, more fashionable, genres get invited to balls and awards assemblies, but Fantasy and her sister Science Fiction sit moping at home, wishing that just once they could dance with Prinz Charming. But (setting aside the already strained metaphor) kids love Fantasy. Not only do children and young adults read Fantasy books -- they read them over and over. Why? What do they find so satisfying in Fantasy literature? Explore with Gerald Morris some of the unique features of Fantasy and why children not only love these books but need them.

"When Jerry finished speaking, I wanted to stand up and cheer. He knows his subject from the inside out and he makes learning memorable." — *Madeleine Turner, middle school teacher*



### LAURA WILLIAMS MCCAFFREY

#### "Building Fantasy Worlds"

How do writers invent fantasy worlds? Come see maps, pictures, books, and other artifacts author Laura Williams McCaffrey has used for ideas. Learn how these artifacts help her build her novels' fantastical settings. Then, as the group creates a fantasy world, discuss world-building, storytelling, and research. Participants will leave with a resource sheet for fantasy writers and for teachers incorporating fantasy writing into their curriculums.

"Laura Williams McCaffrey is a thoughtful, articulate speaker who relies on the insights gained in both her elementary school teaching and in her writing exquisite fantasies. She has a rare ability to understand, evaluate, and appreciate the work of other writers, and she has charmed every audience who has ever heard her. If you haven't heard Laura speak, you owe it to yourself to get to know this committed, talented young writer." — *Anita Silvey, educator and editor*



### VICKI PALMQUIST

#### "Before and After Harry ... Keep Them Reading"

Vicki Palmquist will talk about the best books for interesting experienced and reluctant readers who want another book like Harry Potter. There are many types of fantasy (high, street, punk, animal, folk, to name a few), but what characteristics do fantasy books have in common? How can these books be taught in the classroom, shared during book discussions, and chosen for a classroom, school, or public library? Vicki will open her treasure chest of fantastical books to share with you.



### PAT ROTHFUSS

#### "Innkeeper, Feast of the Boar's Head"

Author of *The Name of the Wind*, a fantasy novel recently published by DAW, Pat also teaches children's literature at the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. A first-time author, his book is getting rave reviews for its originality and engrossing story. Guests! Partake of the Feast!

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### THE DETAILS

#### Schedule

Arrive at 4:00 for registration, materials, and to buy books

4:30 to 5:30, buffet dinner served at the Feast of the Boar's Head in Café Europa, discussion (counts into your CEUs), hosted by Innkeeper Rothfuss (Pat Rothfuss, author of *The Name of the Wind*, a sure hit for young adult readers)

5:30 to 6:30, Gerald Morris – 6:40 to 7:40, Laura Williams McCaffrey – 7:50 to 8:45, Vicki Palmquist

#### Where?

Plymouth Radisson, 3131 Campus Drive, Plymouth, MN  
You'll find directions on our website; it's a great facility, with comfortable chairs, good food, free parking, and easy access from the freeway.

#### Who should attend?

Teachers, writers, librarians, children's literature enthusiasts, fans of fantasy literature

#### CEUs Available

Four (4) reading credits are available for educators.

#### Register now!

People who register early will earn our wild gratitude—help reduce our anxiety level and register today!

*Don't miss this opportunity to learn about this wildly popular genre!*

#### REGISTRATION FORM

### *Children's Literature Network's Workshop on Fantasy Literature*

Thurs, Sept 20, 2007, from 4:00 pm to 8:45 pm – Registration at 4:00 pm – Buffet dinner, table topics from 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Plymouth Radisson, 3131 Campus Drive, Plymouth, MN

If you'd like to attend this conference, please fill this out and mail it to us with your registration fee or register online. Your fee includes fantastic speakers and a buffet dinner. Seating is limited, so register early.

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*We will never give this to anyone without your permission.*

Your interest? \_\_\_\_\_

*... in fantasy literature written for children and teens?*

*We'll pass this along to our speakers so they can prepare their remarks accordingly.*

CLN member (\$80)

Non-member (\$130, includes CLN membership)

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Make checks payable and mail to: CLN, 13570 Grove Drive #353, Maple Grove, MN 55311-3542

**Registration closes on Wednesday, September 12, 2007. No refunds can be given after this date.**