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Book Review:

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Recommended Resource: ICEKits

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## Content

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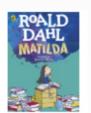
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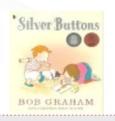


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# Articles – trends in Englishes and topics

- Interest in diversity and complexity in English language education
- Teaching English as communication vehicle that crosses cultural, community and national boundaries — multiple Englishes, literatures and cultural contexts
- Also English as an additional language where English is the school language
- √ visual literacy
- ✓ critical literacy
- ✓ interculturality, citizenship, environment & ideology issues
- ✓ literary language play & children's creative writing
- ✓ teacher education, methodologies, materials design, read-alouds
- ✓ inclusion & diversity, including racism & ethnicity, multilingualism, disability, age, social class, gender & sexual orientation, religion & belief



# Recommended Reads – a resource for English teacher educators and teachers

- Since Issue 2, 2019 thematic organization of Recommended Reads
- Focus on foregrounding ideas for ELT classroom
- Goal to include varied literary formats within the theme
- Issue 1, 2023: Teachable Texts: Recommendations for Embracing an Expanded Notion of Text in ELT
- ✓ Exploring refugee experiences with literature in ELT
- ✓ Decentering whiteness in children's literature
- ✓ Environmental children's literature in ELT a catalyst for taking action
- ✓ Gender diversity and sexuality with literature in ELT
- ✓ Tributes to Judith Kerr & Eric Carle
- ✓ Expanding boundaries and perspectives with Raymond Briggs and Salman Rushdie.



# Articles – trends in literary formats

Very popular

Popular

Quite popular

Few articles so far

- ✓ Picturebooks
- ✓ Young adult fiction
- ✓ On reading in ELT, theory & practice
- ✓ Graphic novels / comics
- ✓ Oral storytelling
- ✓ Chapter books
- ✓ Poetry / rhyme
- ✓ Drama / plays
- ✓ Films
- ✓ Verse novels
- ✓ Storyapps
- ✓ Audiobooks



## Research focus: Why children's literature in ELT?

#### **Characteristics & uses:**

- ✓ High quality language stylistic cohesion, lexical repetition, lexical chains, rhetorical rule of three.
- ✓ Phonological repetition dynamic rhythm (& rhyme), assonance, alliteration, refrains.
- ✓ Entrancing repetition of multi-item chunks or 'phrasal teddy bears' (Ellis 2012)
- ✓ Comprehension support, through motivating story and stimulating images
- ✓ Motivation for dynamic & genuine interpersonal communication
- ✓ Typographic experimentation & creative word choices, encouraging children's creative writing
- ✓ Opportunities for interculturality & perspective-taking when entering storyworlds
- ✓ Opportunities for connections across children's languages & their literacy development generally
- ✓ Freedom from coursebook-driven teaching/ one-size-fits-all materials
- ✓ Opportunities for retellings providing more essential repetition
- ✓ Language teachers can also learn new ideas & new language through children's literature.

## Reading for in-depth English Learning Texts in and beyond the classroom



Date: 6-8 May 2024

Location: Hotel Ramsalt, Bodø, Norway





## **Confirmed plenaries:**

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### **Strands:**

Teacher education for in-depth English language learning with children's literature Interculturality, diversity & critical literacy in English language learning with children's literature

