Appendix: Web Sites

Children’s Literature Web Guides
Web guides are a good place to start for general information on literature for children and young adults. They provide organized ways to look at the array of information and are linked to many sites on specific aspects of literature. Connections may include professional organizations, publisher web sites, teaching guides and lesson plans, personal homepages created by those interested in children’s literature, and author/illustrator web sites.

Children’s Literature: Beyond Basals
http://www.beyondbasals.com/
The mission of this site is to support teachers who wish to incorporate literature in teaching across the curriculum. There are Book Guides for individual titles that suggest a variety of ways to extend the literary experience of a book through activities that enhance learning in various curricular areas. There are links to general children’s literature web sites, curriculum idea sites, sites that give information on picture books for older readers as well as books for reluctant readers.

Children’s Literature Web Guide
http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html
This is the most comprehensive guide to internet resources related to books for children and young adults. It contains links to high quality sites through the “Web-Traveler’s Toolkit: Essential Kid Lit Websites.” Discussion Boards offer visitors opportunities to read and contribute their thoughts on special topics, make comment on specific titles, or request information and post news through bulletin boards. Quick reference to award-winning books, lists of “best books,” bestseller lists, and teaching ideas for specific books can also be found. There are links to resources for teachers, parents and librarians, including links to author/illustrator web sites.

FairRosa Cyber Library of Children’s Literature
http://www.dalton.org/libraries/fairrosa/
This site is created and maintained by Roxanne Hsu Feldman, the school librarian at The Dalton School in New York, for the purpose of sharing online resources with other adults interested in the study of children’s literature. The site contains booklists, as well as links to many review sources, information sources and websites of authors and illustrators. Archived discussions from the Child_lit listserv (see more information on this resource in the section on Online Discussion Groups below) include topics of widely diverse opinions. Because it is a personal website, there are areas of FairRosa’s own interests, such as the Lewis Carroll pages.

The Internet Public Library
http://www.ipl.org/
The Internet Public Library was established to provide public library service to users of the Internet. Its stated mission is to “serve the public by finding, evaluating, selecting, organizing, describing, and creating quality information resources” amidst the wide range of varying quality resources available in the digital world. In the “Youth” section of this site, information is divided into subject categories. The Reading Zone is divided into: Picture Books, Story Hour, Books & Authors, Fables, and so forth. Each of these sections is subdivided further. For example, in the Ask the Author section of Books & Authors, you can ask featured authors questions that will later be answered by them. The section entitled “Resources for Teachers and Parents” has numerous links to sites about literature and reading. There is a “Books and Writing” category within the “Teen” section.

**Internet School Library Media Center**

[http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/childlit.htm](http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/childlit.htm)

This site is hosted by James Madison University and provides links to resources of possible interest to librarians and teachers. The sites are categorized as follows: General Children’s Literature Sites, Want to Talk? (Chat Rooms/Listservs), Book Awards, Book & Media Reviews, Authors & Illustrators, Genres, Bibliotherapy, “isms”, Curriculum Resources, Literary Enrichment Activities and Book Fairs. For example, the “Book Awards” category includes links to a very comprehensive set of sites describing children’s and young adult literature awards.

**Kay Vandergrift’s Special Interest Page**

[http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/special/kay](http://www.scils.rutgers.edu/special/kay)

This rich resource site contains many articles, booklists, links to online resources related to various issues on literature for children and young adults. Focal issues include portrayals of gender and culture, censorship, intellectual freedom, copyright. Vandergrift’s role as a professor of Children’s Literature is evident in the inclusion of syllabi, writing/research information, etc.

**Yahoo: Links to Children’s Literature Web Sites**

[http://dir.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/Literature/Genres/Children_s/](http://dir.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/Literature/Genres/Children_s/)

This site includes links by categories to authors and illustrators, book awards, booksellers, magazines, recommended reading lists, reviews, series books to web-published literature. It also highlights the most popular sites.

**Yahooligans Sites for Children’s Books**


This site has links to sites related to specific book titles. Books range from classics such as *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* to series such as *The Babysitters Club* to the newest titles such as the 2001 Newbery, *A Year Down Yonder*. They range in number of links from one to 27 for *Harry Potter*.

**Children’s Literature Associations**
American Library Association: Association of Library Services to Children  
http://www.ala.org/alsc/
The Association of Library Services to Children is a division of the American Library Association. Its site includes general information about the organization and its work, including homepages for the Newbery Award, Caldecott Award, Coretta Scott King Awards, and other awards given by ALSC. One of the most interesting sections of this site is the “ALA’s 700+ Great Sites” compiled by the Children and Technology Committee.

American Library Association: Young Adult Library Services Association  
http://www.ala.org/yalsa/
The Young Adult Library Service Association of the American Library Association is committed to providing quality library service to young adults, focusing on the need to “understand and respect the unique informational, educational and recreational needs of teenagers.” This site provides general information about the organization and its work, including an extensive set of book lists, awards, and programs.

Center for the Study of Books in Spanish for Children and Adolescents  
http://www.csusm.edu/campus_centers/csb/
This center’s information can be viewed in English or in Spanish. There are weekly updates of recommended books, as well as a feature that creates a customized booklist. Information about the work of the center, (for example, workshops, conference, and publications) and links to related sites can also be found.

Children’s Book Council  
http://www.cbcbooks.org/
The CBC is an organization of children’s book publishers and related companies. CBC offers a homepage that asks you to identify your path by clicking on: author, artist, publisher, teacher, librarian, bookseller, or parent. Information includes a calendar of special dates, bibliographies, news, information about authors and illustrators and links to their homepages, sneak peeks at “hot off the press titles,” information about writing and illustrating children’s books, addresses of member organizations, and more.

The Cooperative Children’s Book Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
http://www.soemadison.wisc.edu/ccbc/
The Cooperative Children’s Book Center (CCBC) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison houses a noncirculating examination collection of nearly all trade books published in the U.S. for the preceding 18 months, as well as recommended books from previous years and a historic collection. There are reference materials for the study of literature for children and young adults, and a special collection of small and alternative press books, as well as books by Wisconsin authors and illustrators. This web site includes information about CCBC’s collection, services, publications, upcoming events, and its listserv CCBC-NET, in addition to links to other resources in the field.
The de Grummond Children’s Literature Collection
http://www.lib.usm.edu/~degrum/
The purpose of this collection, located at The University of Southern Mississippi, is to provide a specialized research collection, primarily in historical and contemporary American and British children’s literature. The collection includes original manuscripts and illustrations contributed by over 1200 authors and illustrators, as well as over 55,000 published books. In addition to information about the collection, their publications, events, and visiting information, they have links to related sites and to web sites of other special collections of children’s literature.

United States Board on Books for Young People
http://www.usbby.org/
USBBY is the United States national section of the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY). Its purpose is to “build bridges to international understanding through children’s and young adult books.” At this web site, visitors will find out general information about what USBBY is, what IBBY is, and how to join USBBY. There is also information about Bookbird, a quarterly journal focused on international children’s literature published by IBBY.

Author/Illustrator Sites: Metasites That Link to Individual Sites

Index to Internet Sites: Children’s & Young Adult’s Authors and Illustrators
http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/biochildhome.htm
This is the Internet School Library Media Center’s index to web sites of authors and illustrators, as well as to other metasites for authors and illustrators. Also included are links to Teacher Resource File of biographical information and lesson plans for particular books, as well as online resources for some of the authors.

The Scoop
http://www.friend.ly.net/scoop
This is an on-line magazine with reviews of children’s books, activities for children, and information for teachers. Also included are interviews with authors and illustrators and links to related sites.

Telling Stories with Pictures: The Art of Children’s Book Illustration
This web site discusses an exhibit of works by children’s book illustrators. It describes different styles and techniques illustrators use as well as explaining the steps an illustrator takes from start to finish when illustrating a book. Other author/illustrator sites are linked from here.

Yahoo: Links to Children’s Author/Illustrator Web Sites
http://dir.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/Literature/Authors/Children’s/
This site offers links to the webpages of many authors and illustrators, ranging from creators of classics (e.g., A. A. Milne, Beatrix Potter) to well-known contemporary
authors and illustrators, as well as many who are less widely known. Some authors and illustrators have multiple sites: publisher created, “official” sites sanctioned by the author or illustrator and sites about their work created by others.

**Web Site Subject Access and Reviews**

**Web Feet K-8**

[www.webfeetguides.com](http://www.webfeetguides.com) $72.00/yr print version for issues/yr

1-888-762-5445 $ yr – web accessible database

Provides subject access to the internet, offering a selection of thousands of safe and highly reviewed sites without a filtering device. Print version comes in a three ring binder that is updated and expanded monthly.

**Book Review Sources and Teaching Ideas**

**Book Links**

[http://www.ala.org/BookLinks/](http://www.ala.org/BookLinks/)

*Book Links* is a magazine for teachers, librarians, parents and others interested in “connecting books, libraries and classrooms, and was created as a support for the increased role of trade books in the classroom. The magazine contains bibliographies, essays, reviews, and interviews of book creators. The web page includes a current table of contents, indexes, subscription information, instructions for submitting manuscripts, and links to related sites.

**Booklist**

[http://www.ala.org/booklist/index.html](http://www.ala.org/booklist/index.html)

This site offers the digital counterpart to the American Library Association’s *Booklist* magazine, which for 90 years has reviewed thousands of books and electronic media. In addition to reviews, there are articles, bibliographies, author interviews, essays and a variety of columns. A cumulative index is offered only on-line.

**The Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books**


The Center for Children's Books is affiliated with the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. Its examination collection of children's books numbers more than 14,000, and its professional and reference books on children's literature numbers over 800. *The Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books* (BCCB) is one of the nation's leading children's book review journals for school and public librarians. Beginning with the 1999 - 2000 volume year, *The Bulletin* will be available online for subscribers. It will continue to include current reviews with ratings on recommendation, annual blue ribbons to the most distinguished books, in-depth look at selected titles, reviews of professional books and articles, as well as a subject/curriculum/ genre index.
Carol Hurst’s Children’s Literature Site

http://www.carolhurst.com/

Carol Otis Hurst, a children’s literature specialist and consultant, reviews and rates books that she finds appropriate for schools. She includes many teaching ideas for integrating books into the curriculum, and provides numerous lists by subject and theme. There is also a range of material on various professional topics.

Hornbook Magazine and Guide

http://www.hbook.com/

The Hornbook Magazine is a bimonthly publication that includes indepth reviews, articles related to various issues on children’s literature, as well as columns featuring aspects of books for children and young adults. As stated on the home page, the magazine’s reviews and articles are “independent, opinionated, and authoritative,” “professional reading that is also a pleasure.” Twice a year, the Hornbook Guide provides a brief review of nearly every book published during a six-month period. Approximately 4,000 books are rated on a scale of 1 – 6, briefly reviewed, and indexed. This publication is also available on CD-ROM from Heinemann.

Publisher’s Weekly

http://www.publishersweekly.com/childrensindex.asp

Publisher’s Weekly is a magazine of news, articles, reviews, and more, all related to the publishing and selling of books. At the children’s section of this site, you can click to articles from past issues that focus on some aspect of children’s books. While the intent is to publicize books, interesting news and statistics as well as information on “best sellers” can be found.

Riverbank Review (of books for young readers)

http://department.stthomas.edu/RBR/

This quarterly publication includes articles and reviews related to books for children and teens. There are interviews with authors and illustrators, articles about issues in children’s literature, focus on individual titles, and other features. It is in its second year of publication and is published in affiliation with the School of Education, University of St. Thomas.

San Diego County Office of Education’s SCORE Cyberguides

http://www.sdcoc.k12.ca.us/score/cyberguide.html

This site has teacher-prepared literature guides for core literature units, with objectives, activities, rubrics and organizers. The guides include pre-selected sites on the internet to visit.

School Library Journal

http://www.slj.com

This web site is intended as a companion to the print version of School Library Journal. It includes reprints of articles, news, editorials, indexes, calendar of events, and has links to various sites of interest to librarians.
Nancy Polette Online
http://nancypolette.com/home.htm
Nancy Polette is a popular workshop leader whose web site lists her favorite new books for classroom/curriculum use. In addition, she provides some sample literature guide lesson plans.

Bookwire Index to Children’s Booksellers
http://www.bookwire.com/index/childrens-booksellers.html
This site provides links to many independent booksellers especially devoted to children’s books. Some specialize in out-of-print and rare books, some offer discount pricing, and some offer free shipping on internet orders.

Children’s Literature Listservs on the Web

Online Discussion Groups
http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/listserv.html
Part of David Brown’s site, this page gives a brief description of the major children’s literature listserves, how to subscribe to these mailing lists, and information on sending messages to the lists. There are general discussions of children’s literature, academic/critical analyses, and focused discussions on storytelling, folklore, writing for children, library services to children, etc.

Child_Lit Homepage
http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~mjoseph/childlit/about.html
This listserv was created by Michael Joseph of Rutgers University as “a forum for engaging and often spirited discussions of topics related to theory and criticism of literature for young people.” This home page describes the purpose of the listserv, information for subscribing, archives, listserv etiquette, sample assignments for college courses in children’s literature, and more. Past discussions have focused on a wide array of topics and opinions, such as what types of books are appropriate for children, quality vs. popularity, gender issues in reading and books, and multicultural literature.

Resources in Print


This appendix was updated, based on an article originally developed as:


All sites were accessible in March 2001.
Author / Illustrator Sites: Individual

Avi  
http://www.avi-writer.com
Avi has his own web site that is in-depth and thorough. He lists and writes reviews on all of his books and sometimes gives a little insight into the development of the story or some of the characters. He has a section of frequently-asked questions and a list of what books are soon to be published. There’s also a link for teachers, and at this time, he is giving teachers a special offer only available from his web site.

Arnold, Caroline  
http://www.geocities.com/Athens1264/
Caroline Arnold is the author of over 100 informational books, mostly about animals and the environment. This web site has a list of projects one might try that are related to her books. There are notes from the author about her writing process and how she got the ideas for some of her books. The biographical information included here was also published in Something About the Author.

Brett, Jan  
http://www.janbrett.com
Jan Brett’s web pages are artistically beautiful and up to date. Currently, she includes many photographs of classroom lessons that teachers have used along with the lesson plans. She also has a web page that leads you to craft projects that she has designed for teachers and parents to use with children, based on some of the characters in her books. There are video clips of Jan Brett demonstrating some of her techniques as well as showing some of the “fun” aspects of her life. She has an e-mail page and you can also send a postcard created by Jan Brett to a friend. This is a web site that children as well as adults will enjoy.

Brown, Marc  
http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/arthur/
We weren’t able to find a web site exclusively about Marc Brown, but we did find an animated one on the storybook character Arthur and all his friends and family. This site is very informative and entertaining. There are pages galore on each of Marc Brown’s Arthur series characters and what their relation is to each of the other characters. There are things to make and do on many of these web pages, too.

Carle, Eric  
http://www.eric-carle.com
This is one of the most attractive and informative web sites for authors that we have come across. It contains art projects, information about his books (including a “What’s new?” preview), and a biography. The “Caterpillar Exchange” is a bulletin board where teachers can exchange ideas and ways of integrating and teaching with Eric Carle’s
books. There’s even a web page for the Eric Carle Store where some of his artwork can be purchased!

**Cherry, Lynne**

[http://harcourtbooks.com/Childrens/Flutesite/cherry.htm](http://harcourtbooks.com/Childrens/Flutesite/cherry.htm)

You access Lynne Cherry’s web site through Harcourt Books. It has an informative and very interesting narrative from Lynne about her life as well as her motivation for writing her books. Harcourt Books has a great list of environmental titles available at the end of this web page.

**Cleary, Beverly**


This web site tells you right at the top of the page that it is the unofficial web site of Beverly Cleary’s Home Page and why it was created. It includes her biography as well as the Frequently Asked Questions that many author’s post on their web site. It also has a “Guest Book” so that if you sign in, it will notify you of page updatings.

**Clifford, Eth**


This author’s web page is developed as part of the Houghton-Mifflin Site Index from the Houghton-Mifflin Home Page. It is is attractive and easy to use. One of the more unique features is “Kidviews,” where children can submit their own book reviews for Eth Clifford’s books.

**Cobb, Vicki**


A very glitzy and fun web page that’s sure to be a hit with kids! There are colorful and intriguing topics, related to Vicki Cobb’s science books, in this web site. Simple and well-organized, this site includes a listing of new books, information on school visits, Vicki’s keynote speeches and her biography.

**Cooper, Susan**

[http://missy.shef.ac.uk/~emp94ms/](http://missy.shef.ac.uk/~emp94ms/)

Avid fans of Susan Cooper’s high fantasy books will enjoy this web site. She has an extraordinary amount of narrative in her web site, which leads it to be more adult oriented. She includes a section for comments, views and reviews.

**Coville, Bruce**


This web site is designed exclusively for teachers. It lists many of Coville’s books as well as related activities and teaching guides for select titles.

**de Paola, Tomie**


Although not an “official” site, this interesting and informative web site is “devoted” to Tomie de Paola. It has many incredible graphics from de Paola’s books, and all are
copyright protected. Other links are to the fan who started this web site, a schedule of Tomie’s visits, a short biography on Tomie (including how to correctly pronounce his last name!), Tomie’s address for letter-writing as well as responses to frequently asked questions. There is even a page where you may contact a dealer to get limited editions of his art work.

Fox, Mem
http://www.memfox.net
Visiting this web site feels just like stepping into one of Mem Fox’s books. The layout of the homepage is presented as a cover of a book, and her links are listed as a Table of Contents. Chapter One is All about Mem, Chapter Two is Mem’s books, Chapter Three is for Parents and Teachers, Chapter Four is for Writers and Potential Writers and Chapter Five is her Guest Book where children can write to Mem. The children’s pages are thoughtfully laid out for the age of the audience and the adult sites are mostly text oriented. This well-written and attractive site is one of the best.

Gilson, Jamie
http://www.simonsays.com/kidzone/teach/jgilson.html
Jamie Gilson’s web site includes lesson plans, activities and related readings for many of her popular and humorous books and includes Gilson’s personal insights on her stories that are very informative and interesting. One item that is missing in this web site is a biography on Ms. Gilson.

Hamilton, Virginia
http://www.virginiahamilton.com/
Virginia Hamilton’s web site is very thorough and includes many pages. A menu list takes you quickly to her books, awards, biography, announcements of new books, events, and many other areas. She also includes a scrolling message at the bottom of her web site, a unique feature previously not seen on other author web sites. There are enough graphics with captions in this site to sustain interest for the age level of most of her readers. Her writing style is evident in her descriptively-written biography, and it is apparent that much of the information in this site has been written by Hamilton.

Irvine, Joan
http://www.makersgallery.com/joanirvine/
Joan Irvine’s books on how to create pop-ups have been very popular. Options on her web site include: making a pop-up book, her biography, awards she has received, workshops, a list of books and even a contest to enter. She mentions events she will be attending and even lets you know what is going on in her personal life.

Jacques, Brian
http://www.redwall.org
This official Redwall web site is comprised of over 50 web pages related to various aspects of the popular fantasy series, and its creator. The official Brian Jacques homepage (created by an 11-year old fan) includes biographical information about the author, how he gets his ideas, an “Ask Brian” feature where the author responds to fans’
queries, and much more information related to the Redwall books. The Redwall Abbey is the fan club homepage with over 400 members worldwide who discuss various aspects of the books and create their own art, poetry and fiction in response to the books.

**MacDonald, Suse**
http://www.create4kids.com/
Suse MacDonald is the author/illustrator of the Caldecott Honor book, *Alphabatics*, and numerous others. This site includes biographical information, and information about Suse’s books. Craft projects for children are included in the “Just for Kids” section. Teachers will find the curriculum ideas section to be useful. Links include one to Children’s Corner, a site where kids can send e-mail to an author.

**Milne, A. A.**
http://chaos.trxinc.com/milne/Pooh
James Milne (no relation) has constructed a very interesting and absorbing web site about the history of Winnie-the-Pooh classic books, the author, A. A. Milne, as well as Christopher Robin, the human character in the stories. There are many interesting pages to see and the narrative is easy to read and engrossing. This site shows many photographs of the area where the characters were developed as well as photos of the original toys. The biographies of A. A. Milne and Christopher Robin Milne are fascinating. There are other web sites listed that one might visit to find out more on Winnie-the-Pooh, but this is one of the most thorough and complete.

**Paulsen, Gary**
http://www.garypaulsen.com/
This official web site is compact with only four links: his biography, teacher information, a list of his books and a direct connection to his publisher. It is mainly text oriented with a few pictures of Gary Paulsen interspersed in the pages, nonetheless, it was very interesting and personalized.

**Pilkey, Dav**
http://www.pilkey.com
Pilkey calls his web site: Dav Pilkey’s Web Site O’ Fun! An accompanying warning explains that this web site might be too silly for grown-ups, small animals and a variety of houseplants! The rest of the web site is fairly routine in the information it supplies, however, Dav Pilkey’s style of presentation is what makes it fun. This site is chock full of things to do for kids. His page for teachers is called “Boring Teacher Stuff,” and allows visitors to choose whether they want to look at “Stuff for boring teachers,” or “Boring Stuff for Teachers.” This is a site that is silly but informative and fun favorite for both adults and children.

**Polacco, Patricia**
http://www.patriciapolacco.com/h.htm
Patricia Polacco’s web site is for children as well as adults. There are many drawings interspersed in her pages to catch your attention and she writes with such style that you feel that she is talking to you. The web pages contain many photographs well and allows
fans to find out where she lives, see her write and illustrate her books and even inquire about original artwork that is for sale. It is also possible to sign up for her quarterly newsletter and see new books that she is working on currently. This is one of the most interesting and thorough web sites we’ve seen.

**Potter, Beatrix**

http://www.petterabbit.co.uk

This beautiful web site has animation on almost every page. There is a biography on Beatrix Potter and a simple menu that is easy for children to use and enjoy. One of the links gives three story choices to listen and see. Another page allows you to make your own animated Beatrix Potter greeting card and send it via e-mail. This is a very delightful and enjoyable web site.

**Rubel, Nicole**

http://www.nicolerubel.com

This is an animated site that is very colorful and appealing. This site is one of the best that is geared to younger children who enjoy Nicole Rubin’s books, such as the *Rotten Ralph* books she co-created. The text is minimal on most pages and her biography is in large, bold and bright type. There is a teacher’s link inside the Big Busy House and adults and older children will enjoy interacting with the site as well. A book plate and bookmark are available for printing and coloring.

**Rylant, Cynthia**

http://www.rylant.com

This is a beautifully illustrated web site filled with many of Cynthia’s drawings and photographs. She invites you to “get comfortable” with a cat on your lap and a warm cup of tea. Her writing style is so personalized you feel as though she is writing and conversing as a close friend. Teachers who access this site will have a much better understanding of Cynthia Rylant as a person and a writer. She includes a link called “A Personal Greeting” where she encourages you to write to her.

**Scieszka, Jon & Lane Smith**

http://www.chucklebait.com/

This is their “official” site. The name alone lets you know what you are in for. Just like their books, this web site is full of surprises! There are four areas to explore: biographies, book lists, a place for correspondences and fun stuff. Graphics are interspersed throughout the web pages and an abundant amount of text lets students who are capable readers and teachers enjoy it.

**Stevens, Janet**

http://www.janetstevens.com/

This site includes the typical information such as biographical info, photos of family, responses to FAQs, as well as studio news of progress on Janet’s work. An interesting feature shows the “layers” in illustrating – by clicking along icons, you can see the progress of a turtle illustration from sketch to completed picture. You can even take a “tour” of how the computer is used as a digital tool in creating illustrations. Also, there
are step-by-step directions for how to draw a bear. The vocabulary development stories in *The Weighty Word Book* are now available as a series of twenty-six stories for newspapers.

**Wilder, Laura Ingalls**
http://vvv.com/~jenslegg
This home page opens with a musical greeting, and offers a comprehensive array of information, from a Researcher’s Corner, interviews with Laura Ingalls Wilder historians, to a memorabilia order form. There is information on the books and the author and her family, and about various locations in the Prairie States that have connection to the books.

**Wilhelm, Hans**
http://www.hanswilhelm.com
This official site for Hans Wilhelm features graphics of favorite characters from his books that are interspersed throughout this web site. Along with a short biography, the site has information on his books, frequently asked questions, a list of his own favorite books, plus much more. The table of contents is very appealing for all ages with graphic representations for links to the various topics. There also is a bibliography of sources for his complete biography and biographies of other authors.

**Wood, Audrey**
http://www.audreywood.com
This is a very colorful and entertaining web site for both Audrey and Don Wood (as well as David Shannon and Mark Teague). This site is full of all types of information. Biographies, e-mail, activity pages, secrets and Max -- a character from Audry’s books, are some of the links to see.
Trade Book Publisher Web Sites

HarperCollins Children’s Books
http://www.harperchildrens.com
This site includes Teacher’s Guides to specific books that HarperCollins publishes, as well as to series such as “Math Start.” A particularly interesting section is on “How a Book is Made,” based on Aliki’s book of the same title, showing children the steps from idea to publication.

Lee & Low Books
http://www.leeandlow.com/booktalk
This publisher of multicultural children’s books has several features at its web site: information about Lee & Low books, editorial information, teaching guides, calendar of author/illustrator appearances, and even a contest to win a book. The editorial information, while from the perspective of this publisher of multicultural books, gives insights into the process of writing and illustrating books for children and in getting published.

Little, Brown
http://www.pathfinder.com/twep/lb_childrens/
Besides an online catalog of Little, Brown trade books, there is an Authors Corner section which gives some insight into a few authors of children’s books, as well as sections on their latest releases, bestsellers, and news related to their titles.

Penguin Putnam
http://www.penguinputnam.com/yreaders/index.htm
The online catalog features reviews and excerpts, particularly for new Penguin Putnam titles. There are author/illustrator biographies, and sites with excerpts and promotional materials that feature their popular books such as Madeline and Winnie-the-Pooh.

Random House (Bantam Doubleday Dell)
http://www.bdd.com/teachers/
Thematic and interdisciplinary indexes lead you to teacher’s guides for books published by Bantam Doubleday Dell. Each teacher’s guide includes a synopsis, an excerpted passage, teaching ideas by theme and cross-curricular connections, related novels (published by BDD), awards, reviews, and internet resources.

Scholastic
http://scholastic.com/tradebks/
This site allows visitors to choose from featured titles and to select “favorite sites,” which include Harry Potter, Dear America, Magic School Bus, and other popular Scholastic series. Also, there are brief biographies of Scholastic authors and illustrators and a link their personal web pages. One feature called “You be the Judge” invites readers to
submit their own reviews of why they like or don’t like a particular book. These reviews are later compiled and available for other children to read.

**Simon & Schuster**


Although this is a commercial site designed to promote interaction among children, one feature is called the Teacher’s Lounge where there are lesson plans for some Simon & Schuster books. The color of the type on some the web pages is a bit difficult to read, but there are good suggestions for teachers to try in their classrooms. Lesson plans can be printed so that you don’t have to deal with purple on pink or yellow on teal lettering.