

Contents

List of Figures	viii
Note to the Reader	ix
Acknowledgements	x
Introduction	1
1 Defining Adulthood in Children's Literature	39
2 Grown-up Children? The Adult Protagonist in Children's Literature	75
3 Hair, Hair, Everywhere: The Adult Body in Children's Literature	99
4 The Disdainful Adult: Childism in Children's Literature	125
5 From Writer's Block to Wonderful Friend: Adult Writers as Characters in Children's Books	149
6 Second Childhoods: Elderly Adults in Children's Literature	181
Notes	211
Bibliography	215
Index	235