



explored the influence on children's books to lexical diversity compared to child directed speech.

- We used the picture book corpus provided by Montag to analyze lexical diversity/styles over different publishing dates.
- "There are strong links between exposure to rare or complex sentence types, and subsequent comprehension and production of those sentence types in children and adults"
  - o (Montag, 2015)
  - o In an article written by Byrd Pinkerton published by NPR, the author writes about how in early children's books, the aim was not so much about entertaining the child through storytelling but for the purpose of studying religion.
- Through later children's books however, it became more important to incorporate fantasy and adventure into children's books to allow children to embrace creativity. The books became an indication of the shift in societal views on childhood.
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