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## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA - LELAND B. JACOBS

**Present Position:** Professor Emeritus of Education  
Teachers College, Columbia University

**Education:** A.B., Michigan State Normal College  
M.A., University of Michigan  
Ph.D., Ohio State University

**Teaching Experience:** Teacher, all elementary grades; all junior-high-school grades; tenth and twelfth grades, senior high school.  
Started teaching in one-room rural school.  
Was elementary-school principal, village and small-city schools.  
Was supervisor of student teachers in laboratory schools in elementary, junior, and senior high school.  
Taught in college at both undergraduate and graduate levels, in fields of curriculum theory and practice, the language arts, and children's literature.

**Major Professional Activities** Lecturer at many universities and colleges on language arts, teaching of reading, children's literature, and elementary-school curriculum and teaching. For instance: University of Hawaii; Northwestern University; University of Florida; Kent (Ohio) State University; Oakland University; University of Pittsburgh.  
  
Consultant and lecturer for many state education associations, national organizations, and school systems.  
  
Participation in such organizations as: The Association for Childhood Education; National Council of Teachers of English; International Reading Association; National Conference on Research in English.

**Honors:** Received Distinguished Teaching Award from Mills College, New York City.  
  
Chosen to represent Teachers College, Columbia University on the television series; "Meet the Professor."  
  
Elected to the International Reading Hall of Fame.  
  
Received Distinguished Service Award, New Jersey Reading Teachers Association.

*Honorary Doctor of Education degree, Eastern Michigan University*  
*Indiana University's Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Literacy*



Chosen as a distinguished alumnus of the Ohio State College of Education in their centennial year.

Received the Dean's Citation for Distinguished Service to Education, Rider College.

**Professional Writings:**

Many articles in Elementary English; Childhood Education; Education; The Reading Teacher; Early Years; Today's Child; Day Care.

**Text Materials:**

Co-author, Student Teaching in the Elementary School  
Co-author, Individualizing Reading Practices  
Editor, Using Literature With Young Children  
Co-editor, Children and the Language Arts  
Co-editor, Treasury of Literature, Grades I-VI,  
(Charles E. Merrill Books)  
Co-editor, Ideas in Literature, Grades VII-IX,  
(Charles E. Merrill Books)

**Children's Books:**

Author, Good Night, Mr. Beetle (Holt)  
Old Lucy Lindy (Holt)  
Just Around the Corner (Holt)  
Is Somewhere Always Far Away? (Holt)  
Alphabet of Girls (Holt)  
Belling the Cat and Other Stories (Golden Press)  
The Stupid Lion and Other Stories (Singer)  
Behind the Circus Tent, with Allan D. Jacobs  
(Lerner)  
The Monkey and the Bee (Golden Press)  
April Fool! (Garrard)  
What Would You Do? (Garrard)  
I Don't, I Do (Garrard)  
Teeny-Tiny (Garrard)

Editor, Delight in Numbers (Holt)  
Poems for Young Scientists (Holt)  
Poetry for Autumn (Garrard)  
Poetry for Chuckles and Grins (Garrard)  
Poems of Witches, Elves, and Goblins (Garrard)  
Poetry for Winter (Garrard)  
Poetry for Bird Watchers (Garrard)  
Poetry for Summer (Garrard)  
Arithmetic in Verse and Rhyme, with  
Allan D. Jacobs (Garrard)  
Poetry for Space Enthusiasts (Garrard)  
Funny Bone Ticklers in Verse and Rhyme  
(Garrard)  
All About Me (Garrard)  
Fur and Feather Friends (Garrard)  
Playtime in the City (Garrard)



Hello, Year! (Garrard)

Hello, People! (Garrard)

Hello, Pleasant Places! (Garrard)

Sports and Games in Verse and Rhyme, with  
Allan D. Jacobs (Garrard)

Other Educational Materials:

One to One: A Practical Individualized  
Reading Program (Junior Edition,  
Grades 1-3; Intermediate Edition,  
Grades 4-6) with Sherwin Glassner and  
Edward Grossman (Warren Schloat and  
Prentice-Hall)

Newberry Award Activity Program, with  
Sherwin Glassner and Edward Grossman  
(Sunburst Communications)

High Interest/Low Readability Program,  
with Sherwin Glassner and Edward  
Grossman (Sunburst Communications)

~~Member, Selection Committee, Reader Book~~