The Writings of Louise M. Rosenblatt

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Dedication

For many years, Louise Rosenblatt has argued eloquently for a vision of literary experience that respects both writer and reader. Through her teaching, her writing, and her work for the National Council of Teachers of English, she has reshaped our conception of the literature classroom, transforming it into a place where both students' and writers' voices are heard more clearly than they once might have been. Her vision is intensely democratic. It respects the integrity of the individual, and invites us all to encounter texts and one another directly and honestly, willing to explore diverse views of human possibilities and committed to the intellectual effort of making meaning out of experience, literary and otherwise.

The has spoken for readers and texts in the traditional forums, of course, teaching, writing, and addressing conferences and conventions; but beyond that, she has counselled friends, written letters, debated ideas in hallways after sessions, and sat down to coffee with student teachers not yet in their first classroom. Her energy and commitment have been immeasurable. The friendship she has shown to teachers of literature is deeply valued.

Though her contributions have been too numerous and diverse to record here, her writings, embodying as they do her spirit, wisdom, and dedication to readers, books, and teachers, will represent that marvelous service. In gratitude for that work, we present her this record of one part of her contribution to teachers of literature and to their students.

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