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### Education

Phoenix, NY, High School 1932  
Oswego Normal School, Oswego, NY 1935 Teaching certificate for El. Educ  
Syracuse University B.S. 1944  
M.S. in Educ. 1945 Major in English  
Ed. D. 1949 Majors in Ed. Psch. and Reading

### Positions

Elementary School Teacher Phoenix, NY 1935-44  
Graduate Assistant, School of Education Syracuse University 1944-48  
Assistant to Associate Prof. Western Reserve University 1948-55  
Lecturer on Education Graduate School of Education, Harvard University  
and Director of Harvard-Carnegie Studies 1955-63  
Professor of Education and Director, Reading Improvement Center,  
Case-Western Reserve University 1963-69  
Visiting Professor, three summers, University of Chicago  
Visiting Professor, one summer, University of Washington  
Director of three NDEA Institutes on Reading, Case Western Reserve U.  
and for European teachers, Switzerland  
Professor of Education, College of Education, University of Hawaii  
and Director, Reading and Language Arts Center, 1969-81  
Professor Emeritus, University of Hawaii, 1981-

### Honors

Distinguished Alumni Award State University of New York, Oswego 1961  
President, International Reading Association, 1961  
IRA Citation of Merit 1975  
Reading Hall of Fame Elected to membership 1978  
President/Secretary  
International Citation of Merit, IRA 1975  
IRA State Coordinator Hawaii 1979-80  
National Conference on Research in English, President

### Publications

Articles in professional journals and conference proceedings  
Co-author, Sheldon Basic Reading Series, Allyn & Bacon, 1950s and '60s  
The Sound of Poetry with QB Mills, Allyn and Bacon, 1963  
Reading Evaluation with Clifford L. Bush and Mildred H. Huebner,  
Ronald Press, 1963



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The Torch Lighters: Tomorrow's Teachers of Reading, Harvard University Press, 1961

The First R: The Harvard Report on Reading with Coleman Morrison  
Macmillan, 1963

Children and Books by May Hill Arbuthnot. 3rd. edition. I prepared two chapters: "Reading and the Mass Media" and "Reading for Information". Scott, Foresman & Co., 1964

NSSE Yearbook, Innovation and Change in Reading Instruction. I prepared chapter on "Preparation of Teachers of Reading", 19--

Comparative Reading, edited by John Downing. I prepared chapter on "Reading in the U.S.A.", Macmillan, 1973.

Promoting World Understanding Through Literature, K-8, Libraries Unlimited, 1983. Co-author, Esther C. Jenkins.

Literature for Children about Asians and Asian Americans: Analysis and Annotated Bibliography with Additional Readings for Adults, Greenwood Press, 1987. Co-author, Esther C. Jenkins.

Literature for Children and Young Adults about Oceania: Analysis and Annotated Bibliography with Additional Readings for Adults. Greenwood Press, 1996. Co-author, Esther C. Jenkins.