

# A LETTER FROM THE EDITORS



It has been a joyous experience working with so many excellent authors and reviewers throughout the past year. The theme for this issue is War and Terrorism. Each of the articles presents a different perspective on the topic, while focusing on children's literature.

War and Terrorism targets a timely theme that we both feel needs to be addressed. So often difficult topics such as war and terrorism are not mentioned in classroom settings because of the feeling that children need to be sheltered from the harsh realities of life. However, with the prevalence of media, children are exposed to these issues every day. Many immigrant children have personally faced these issues. As readers, we think you will find the articles thought provoking and noteworthy. We have been pleased with the submissions and finalized manuscripts.

We are very grateful for the many authors that serve as columnists for The Dragon Lode. In this issue, we have The Poet's Corner written by Janet Wong, Children's Book Reviews written by a team lead by Barbara Ward, Notable Books for a Global Society written by a team led by Renita Schmidt. Thanks to all of you for your service.

We have decided to announce the theme of Diverse Cultures for our fall 2018 issue. We feel it is important for children to recognize themselves in literature as well as to understand there are many different ways families interact. We look forward to the many approaches you will bring forward. We hope you enjoy this issue as much as we do.

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