

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Tuesday, April 14, 1987

INTRO UP AND UNDER

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INTERVIEW DR. BOTTIGHEIMER

- Talk about the book
- How did she get into this area?
- How widespread is fairy tale research?
- Trace the history of story telling
- Stories as mirrors of society, and as models
 - * Role of females
 - * Role of males
 - * Cannibalism
 - * Religion and politics
- Advice to parents

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- American folk stories and Walt Disney
- Any relationship to comic strips, TV muppets?
- Are TV soaps a form of modern fairy tales?
- How the general public reacts to fairy tale scholars:
 - * "Porno Profs Put the Sin in Cinderella"
 - * "Academic vs. Little Red Riding Hood"
 - * "Sex, Death, and Red Riding Hood"
- Evidence of tales as influencing models
- What's new in fairy tales?
- Should parents "explain" tales to kids?

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