

# Distinguished Achievement Citation

Edith Hope Fine

Class of 1965

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize **Edith Hope Fine** as a progressive, engaging, and dedicated educator for students of all ages.

Edith tirelessly contributed her time to create a multitude of learning opportunities for children and adults in the San Diego area. She organized before- and after-school classes for children. She also tutored and taught science classes from her garage. Edith was a writer-in-residence at Flora Vista Elementary and worked with third grade writers at Park Dale Elementary. In addition to this, she taught preschool and kindergarten through sixth grade in Manhattan Beach, and writing classes at San Diego State University Extension. After serving more than 20 years as a teacher, Edith became a writer. She has composed 18 published children's books, three student workbooks, and is credited with hundreds of magazine and newspaper contributions.

Through colorful characters and exotic adventures, Edith's stories encourage and facilitate learning. Edith's "Water, Weed, and Wait" was a Growing Good Kids and Excellence in Children's Literature Winner in 2011 and a finalist for the San Diego Book Awards. Her book "Armando and the Blue Tarp School" was adapted into a children's musical and chosen by One Book, One San Diego 2012, as a companion book to Luis Urrea's "Into the Beautiful North." Adapted and produced into an animated video by Disney, "Under the Lemon Moon" was included in the series "Beyond the Page." "Under the Lemon Moon" also was named one of the 50 Best Children's Books by Parents magazine. It was also chosen as a Parents' Choice Silver Honor Book and Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People.

Other children stories and workbooks by Edith include "Cryptomania! Teleporting into Greek and Latin" and the accompanying workbook, "Greek and Latin for Cryptomanicas" for third to sixth graders. Edith also wrote "Nitty-Gritty Grammar: A Not-So-Serious Guide to Clear Communication." She also has written biographies of Gary Paulsen, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Barbara McClintock. The biographies of Barbara McClintock and Gary Paulsen are now e-books as part of the Spotlight Biography Series of eFrog Press.

Edith strives to better the lives of others by generating opportunities. She is active with the American Association of University Women, Voices of Women. Edith also participates in the organization Responsibility, which is committed to building schools providing education for children who live near municipal dumps in Tijuana, Mexico, and Matagalpa, Nicaragua. She runs the published members group of the San Diego chapter of the Society of Children's Writers and Illustrators and serves on the advisory board of UC San Diego Extension's new Children's Book Writing and Illustrating certificate program.

Edith's fervor for the written word has carried her through an involved lifetime of teaching, writing, and supporting local organizations. For her professional achievements and dedication to the field of education, we applaud and recognize Edith Hope Fine with this Distinguished Achievement Citation.

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