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I am a college teacher with M.A.,B.Ed. Diploma in Creative Writing in English, UGC NET pass,M.Pil. andvPh.D. I am a research supervisor and also a researcher, who has been awarded a UGC Major Ecology and the Environment in Indian children's literature. I am contacting authors,publishers and illustrators with regard to this.

My areas of specialisation are Archetypal Criticism and Children's Literature. I am now exploring Ecocriticism.

I have recently submitted the UGC major research project and hope to do more research on children's literature.

A collection of 7 papers on Indian children's literature have been published as an e-book by www.languageinindia.com under the title 'Critical Essays on Indian Fiction for the Young.'

I am proud to say that many of my former students are now college teachers and they still remember me.

I started my teaching career when I was nearly forty, that is, about thirteen years ago.

Before that, I did some freelance writing, including stories for children and a series of school textbooks, detailed and non detailed.My translation of Tamil Bhakthi work, Thiruppavai, in verse form, appeared first in Bhavan's Journal,then in 2 literary journals and in then in book form. It is currently available online at [srpedia.com /archives](http://srpedia.com/archives) (srirangasri).

I regularly present papers at seminars and conferences.My PhD dissertation on "Archetypes in a fantasy Fiction : A Study of J.R.R. Tolkien and J.K.Rowling" in www.languageindia.com (the Jan 2014 issue).

Another e-book, "Critical Essays on Indian Literature in English for the Young" is available as free resource, published b the same online journal, Languagein India.

In addition to English literature and Part II classes, I handle Language Lab classes. I am BEC coordinator for our college, which has been adjudged by NAAC as first among reaccredited colleges in our district.

Our institution has a large number of first-generation students, especially from rural areas and I am proud to be their teacher.