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The classroom scenes in the film, "Max Made Mischief," demonstrate that quality literature can be presented to children in a manner that is both sophisticated and engaging. Sonia Landes and her cooperating teacher use Maurice Sendak's Where the Wild Things Are to give children a sound basis for an appreciation of poetry, narrative, and visual art. The film demonstrates that learning to appreciate literature, like learning to read, is a cumulative process; and it offers suggestions for designing more exciting and effective curricula for presenting literature to children—curricula based not only on the development of the child but also on the development of literature from simple to more complex forms. Because of its sophisticated and successful approach, I use "Max Made Mischief" at the beginning of every children's literature class to show my future teachers that to work effectively in the classroom they must be knowledgeable about literature as well as about children. My students have always enjoyed and benefited from the film. I would recommend it for anyone who works with children and literature or who wants to understand more about what makes a children's book work. **[End Page 44]**

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the same. At least, so far.

Trine Schert Hyman ends her Self-Portrait with an opening for more in her life and in her work.

There are few autobiographies available for children, but this quality series begins to fill that void. These books provide the reader not only with an overview of the artists' lives, but also give insights into why and how each speaker turned to art as a form of expression and a livelihood. This emphasis on growth and process through the childhood years is especially appealing to the child-reader. The artists chosen come from varied backgrounds, but each has created an identifiable body of work that has been well received by children and well recognized by critics. Addison-Wesley plans to continue to add new Self Portrait titles to their list. Garth Williams' autobiography will appear next spring and Barbara Cooney's will be out in Fall of 1982. I look forward to their arrival.

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