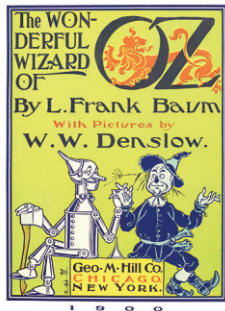


# Gentrain Society Lecture at Monterey Peninsula College

## The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - An American Fairy Tale

In 1902 *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum was published. In 2000 the Library of Congress called the book "America's greatest and best-loved homegrown fairy tale." Others have called it the "quintessential American fairy tale." L. Frank Baum 1856-1919 was born in NY, moved to Chicago and ended up in California. During his lifetime he wrote 55 novels, 83 short stories and 53 scripts including 13 more Oz books, short stories and scripts. But is *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* just a children's book, or is there a deeper meaning? Presenter **Tom Logan** will discuss the book, its possible meaning and mention the other Oz books. Tom Logan taught Gentrain and MPC history classes for 30 years.



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