

Genres in Literature



When you speak about genre and literature, genre means a category, or kind of story.

How do you pronounce genre?



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All books or stories can be called either fiction or non-fiction.



Fiction

- a made up story
- can tell about things that *could* happen
- is read for fun
- characters may be like real people or imaginary

Non-Fiction

- has facts that can be checked and proven
- the author is an expert on this information
- it IS TRUE!

Genre



These are smaller categories of stories and books that fall into the fiction or nonfiction lists.

Here are some of the common ones:

Realistic fiction Legend Informational

Historical fiction Mystery Biography

Science fiction Adventure Autobiography

Fantasy Classic

Tall Tales Poetry

Genre

These are the choices we will use for our genre projects!

Realistic Fiction Adventure

Fantasy Classic

Informational Historical Fiction

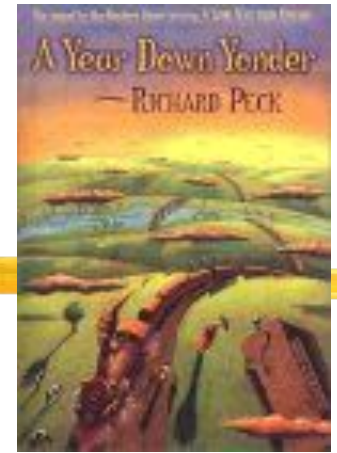
Biography Science Fiction

Mystery

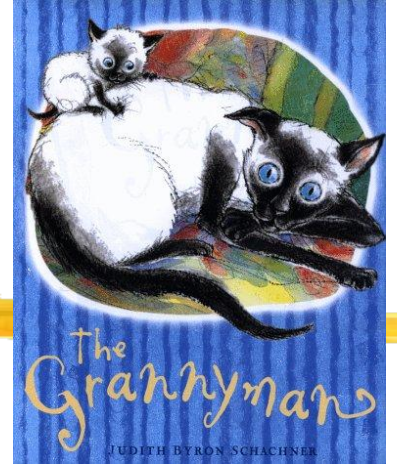


Realistic fiction

- can be based on a real story
- characters act like real people
- character tries to solve a problem
- story could happen in real life
- some events are historically accurate
- character's feelings and behaviors are like real life

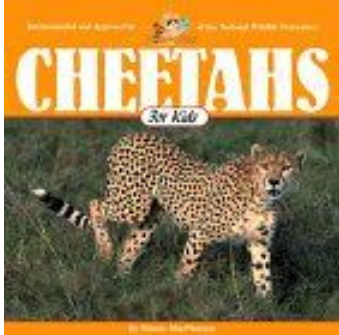


Fantasy



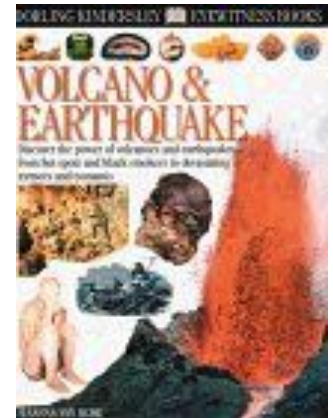
- Animal characters may act like people
- characters may have special powers
- characters may be imaginary beings
- setting may be in another time (future)
- usually has a good vs. evil conflict
- may use scientific principles not yet available or discovered





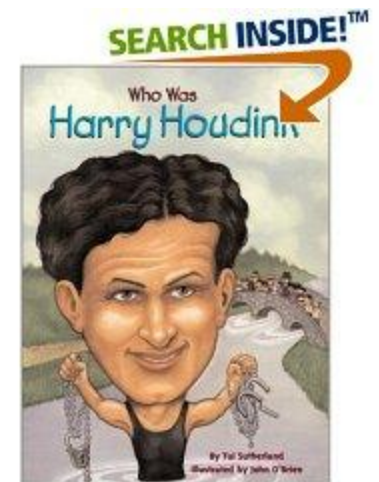
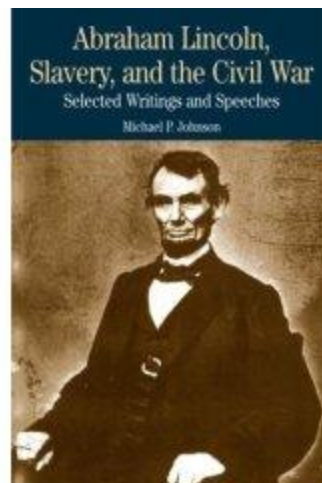
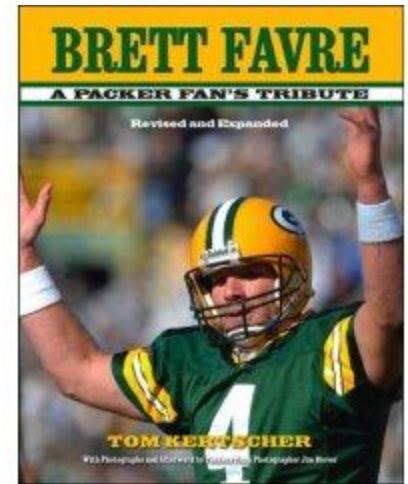
Informational

- Tells facts that can be looked-up or proven
- tells about real events
- characters have really lived
- may have maps, diagrams and illustrations to explain the facts
- author is an expert on the subject



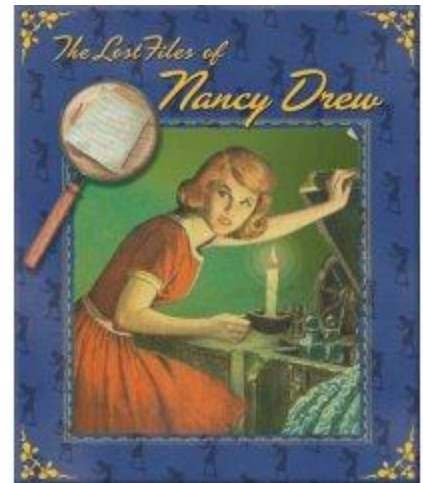
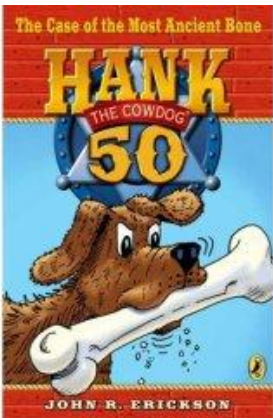
Biography

- tells about the life of a real person
- Person can be living
- Usually told in chronological
- factual information



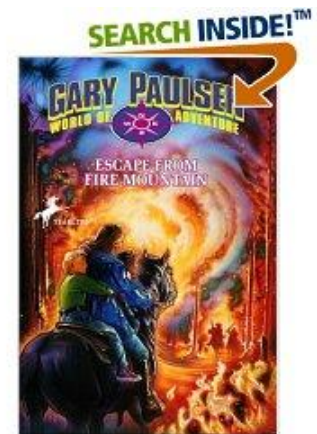
Mystery

- Usually has some sort of case to solve
- Involves a detective
- Uses words such as motive, alibi, and red-herring
- Usually full of suspense



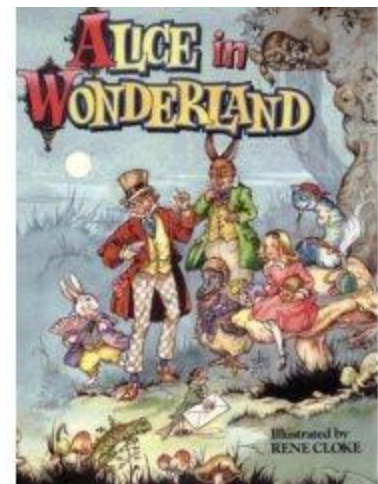
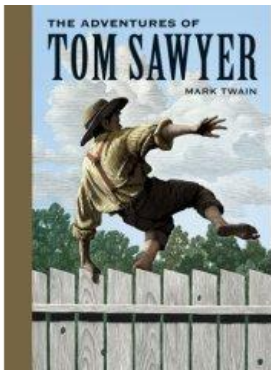
Adventure

- Main character overcomes adversity
- Events are extremely exciting
- Sometimes a story of survival
- There is a hero or heroine
- There is often some kind of journey

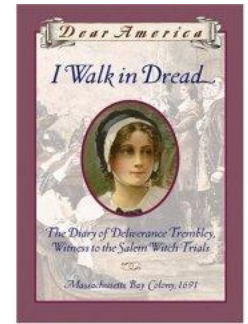


Classic Literature

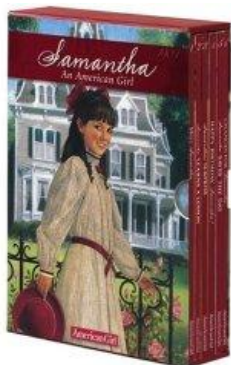
- Stories that have lasted over a very long time
- You grandparents or great-grandparents may have also read the same story
- It does not “go out of style”



Historical Fiction

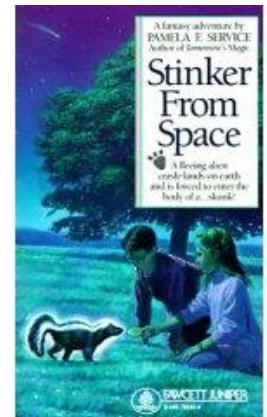



- Story that takes place in a certain period of history
- Either the events or the characters are fictional
- Author usually elaborates on the events and characters to make a better story



Science Fiction

- Story might involve technology that has not been invented
- May take place in an alternate world
- Might involve aliens or other creatures or robotics
- Very similar to the fantasy genre



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- Which genre do you enjoy most?
 - From which genre would you like to read more?