

Genre Identification List

Did you just pick up a book and have no idea what the Genre could be? Just check below. This list will help you identify the book you are about to read. Happy Reading!!

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Non-Fiction – Books which have information that are true.

Types of Non-Fiction

1. **Biography** – A person’s life story written by someone else.
2. **Autobiography** – A person who writes a book about their own life.
3. **Informational** – A book that gives specific facts (Ex. How To books, Cookbooks, books about History, Science, or Math; Video Game instructional books)

Fiction – Stories that are not true or make believe.

Types of Fiction

1. **Realistic Fiction** – An untrue story where the events *could* happen in real life.
2. **Historical Fiction** – An untrue story that took place during an actual time in the past. (Ex. American Revolution, Slavery, the Depression, World War II, etc.)
3. **Science Fiction** – A story which involves scientific elements (ex. outer space, robots, aliens, scientists, body switching, plant mutations, etc.)
4. **Romance** – A story involving love and relationships.
5. **Mystery** – A story containing elements of suspense, surprise, crimes to be solved and sometimes horror.
6. **Fantasy** – A story where the events could *never* happen in real life.
7. **Adventure** – A story that has a great deal of action. The characters move quickly throughout the story from place to place.
8. **Mythology** – A classic story about gods and goddesses from Rome, Greece or Egypt.
9. **Legend** – A story about a person who was very popular during a specific time and whose story is still being told. (Ex. Paul Bunyan)
10. **Folktale** – A story told from generation to generation by a specific culture.
11. **Fable** – A very brief story that most often involves animal characters who are portrayed like humans. There is a moral (lesson) at the end of each Fable.
12. **Fairy Tale** – A classic story usually beginning with, “Once Upon a Time...” (Ex. Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, the Little Match Girl, etc.)
13. **Short Story** – A novel that is shorter in length. Approximately 80 – 100 pages.
14. **Drama** – A story written in play form. Character names are listed on the left of the page, what they say (dialogue) is written on the right side of the page. (Ex. “Romeo and Juliet”)
15. **Graphic Novel** – A novel in which the story is written in both text and in comic strip illustration.
16. **Poetry** – Creatively written expressions of feelings (i.e., love, sadness, anger, humor, etc.) (Ex. Shel Silverstein, Dr. Seuss, Robert Frost)