

Genre Definitions

Fiction	Stories with imaginary characters and events Human characteristics given to non-living things (talking chairs, singing plants) or animals (dogs driving cars, cooking dinner)
Realistic Fiction	Stories with characters who take part in activities that could really happen Stories that are made up but could happen to people or animals
Historical Fiction	Stories set in the past with characters who take part in actual historical events Mixes historical facts with realistic characters
Science Fiction	Stories involving actual or future scientific phenomena Made up stories that mix technology with science. If you take the science out, there wouldn't be a story
Fantasy	Stories set in make-believe worlds, often with non-human characters Not real – contains or is about something that could not have happened
Mystery	Stories with characters who try to solve a crime or unexplained event
Nonfiction	True stories of actual events or characters Gives information through true facts about a subject
Biography	A person's life story written by another person Story about a real person's life written by another person
Autobiography	A person's life story written by himself or herself Story about a real person's life written by that person