

Reading Genres

FICTION

Genre	Characteristics	Example
Literary Fiction + Realistic Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> made-up story (both) could not happen in real life (LF) could happen in real life(RL) 	(LF) If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (RF) The Relatives Came; Lola Plants a Garden
Fantasy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> made-up story couldn't happen in real life often includes things like magic or talking animals 	Upside Down Magic; Harry Potter; If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
Mystery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> story that involves a puzzle or situation that needs figuring out author gives the reader clues 	Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds;
Science Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> made-up story set in the past or the future can involve time travel may have technology that does not exist yet 	Timothy Mean and the Time Machine; Ricky Ricotta and His Mighty Robot
Historical Fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> story that is based on real events in the past much of the story is made-up set in a particular historical time period 	Henry's Freedom Box; The Drinking Gourd; Imogene's Last Stand; Brothers at Bat
Traditional Stories (fables, myths, folk tales, fairytales)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> story with a message, moral or explains a phenomena passed down over many years 	Why Mosquitos Buzz in Peoples Ears; Cinderella; The Lion and the Mouse
POETRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> written in lines and stanzas usually uses figurative language 	Poetry4Kids; Where the Sidewalk Ends

NONFICTION

Genre	Characteristics	Example
Biography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> story of a person's life told by someone else third person point of view 	The Story of Ruby Bridges; I Vivaldi; Noah Webster and His Words
Autobiography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> story of a person's life told by them first person point of view 	Michelle Kwan: Heart of a Champion; My Life with the Chimpanzees; Bill Pete: An Autobiography
Informational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Books that tell, inform, teach, or explain REAL things first or third person point of view 	The Water Cycle; Is the Loch Ness Monster Real? How to Make Slime