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Genre Note-Catcher

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| Genre | Characteristics |
| Fantasy | * Contains elements that are not are realistic * Talking animals * Magical powers * Often set in a medieval universe * Possible involving mythical beings |
| Historical Fiction | * stories centered around the basis of a partially historical situation * a novel set in a historical period |
| Mystery | a novel involving:   * strangeness * solving a puzzling event or situation * something unknown * solving a crime * centered around a person who investigates * wrongdoing * centered around a person or persons employed to obtain secret information |
| Realistic Fiction | * stories that take place in modern times * characters are involved in events that could happen. |
| Science Fiction | * stories that often tell about science and technology of the future * stories involving partially true partially fiction laws or theories of science * Settings: * in the future * in space * on a different world * in a different universe or dimension |
| Traditional Literature | * long ago setting * uses magic or exaggeration to solve problems * story is passed down from other generations |
| Fairy Tales | * magic is used to solve problems * imaginary characters and events * frequently contains patterns of three * frequently begins with “Once upon a time...” * frequently ends with “...and they lived happily ever after.” * good conquering evil |
| Folk Tales | * story is passed down from other generations * frequently contains a message |
| Fables | * animals that act like humans * purpose of the story is to teach a lesson * frequently ends with “...the moral of the story is...” |
| Informational | * tells factual information about people, events, or places * may have maps, photos, diagrams, illustrations, or charts to help explain the facts |
| Biographies | * a true story about a person’s life written by another person |
| Autobiographies | * a true story about a person’s life written by the person themselves |
| Reference Materials | * including the encyclopedia, atlas, dictionary, thesaurus, or almanac |
| Non-Fiction | * informational article or story usually about one topic * may have maps, photos, diagrams, illustrations, or charts to help explain the facts |
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