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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
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| Historical Fiction | * stories centered around the basis of a partially historical situation
* a novel set in a historical period
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| 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
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| Realistic Fiction | * stories that take place in modern times
* characters are involved in events that could happen.
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| 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
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| Traditional Literature | * long ago setting
* uses magic or exaggeration to solve problems
* story is passed down from other generations
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| 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
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| Folk Tales | * story is passed down from other generations
* frequently contains a message
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| Fables | * animals that act like humans
* purpose of the story is to teach a lesson
* frequently ends with “...the moral of the story is...”
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| Informational | * tells factual information about people, events, or places
* may have maps, photos, diagrams, illustrations, or charts to help explain the facts
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| Biographies | * a true story about a person’s life written by another person
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| Autobiographies  | * a true story about a person’s life written by the person themselves
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| Reference Materials | * including the encyclopedia, atlas, dictionary, thesaurus, or almanac
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| 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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