

# Genre Overview

| Fiction |                        |   |
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| Code    | Genre                  | Definition  |
| F       | Fantasy                | A story including elements that are impossible such as talking animals or magical powers. <b>Make-believe</b> is what this genre is all about.                                  |
| RF      | Realistic Fiction      | A story using made-up characters that could happen in real life.  |
| M       | Mystery                | A suspenseful story about a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story.   |
| TL      | Traditional Literature | Stories that are passed down from one group to another in history. This includes <b>folktales, legends, fables, fairy tales, tall tales, and myths</b> from different cultures. |
| HF      | Historical Fiction     | A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author's imagination.            |
| SF      | Science Fiction        | A type of fantasy that uses science and technology (robots, time machines, etc.)  |

| Nonfiction |               |  |
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| Code       | Genre         | Definition   |
| I          | Informational | Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, careers, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.) |
| B          | Biography     | The story of a real person's life written by another person.   |
| AB         | Autobiography | The story of a real person's life that is written by that person.  |

| Other Genre |        |   |
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| Code        | Genre  | Definition  |
| P           | Poetry | Poetry is verse written to create a response of thought and feeling from the reader. It often uses rhythm and rhyme to help convey its meaning. |