

Identifying Genre and Subgenre

Directions: Read the descriptions of the texts. Look for details that reveal the genre. Write the genre and subgenre on the lines and write a sentence explaining your answer.

1. The Hard Way Out by Terry Vaughn

In this novel, Brian struggles with living at his Aunt's house and sharing a room with his cousin while dealing with the grief of having lost both of his parents in a tragic car accident. Basketball is his only escape, but after getting benched for low progress report grades, Brian's world shatters. Does he have it in him to turn around his grades? Will Brian come to peace with his emotions? Can anyone help him?

Genre: fiction Subgenre: realistic fiction

Explain your Answer
story could happen but didn't

2. Newton's Law by Morton Mallon

After a mostly unsuccessful life of studying and practicing the nano-transportation sciences, Professor Melton stumbles upon a major breakthrough on April 20th, 2042: he discovers a way to transport particles at light-speed across fixed distances, thereby allowing him to teleport from one location to another. But Professor Melton soon discovers that there is no such thing as a free lunch. He learns that the body ages relative to the distance travelled, not just the time, in effect causing a teleporting body to age very rapidly. Can Melton solve this problem before his time is up?

Genre: fiction Subgenre: science fiction

Explain your Answer
story contains futuristic technology.

3. Intermediate Math Problems for Students by M. Colwell

This workbook text explains how to perform basic mathematical operations, like double-digit addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. It also explains fractions and decimals..

Genre: nonfiction Subgenre: informational writing

Explain your Answer
Provides information about math.

4. "If a Tree Falls" adapted by Stan Tanner