

Genres at a Glance

Fiction		
Code	Genre	Definition
TL	Traditional Literature	Stories that are passed down orally from one group to another in history. This includes: <u>folktales, fairy tales, fables, legends, and myths from different cultures</u>
F	Fantasy	Made-up stories that have some elements that could not be true or could not happen in this world (e.g., <u>fairies, talking animals</u>).
SF	Science Fiction	A type of fantasy that uses science and technology (e.g., <u>robots, time machines</u>).
RF	Realistic Fiction	Stories that can be true to life but are mostly from the author's imagination.
HF	Historical Fiction	Stories that take place in the past and are from the author's imagination. They have some truth in them.
HU	Humor	Stories that involve jokes or anecdotes.
PF	Poetry-Fiction	Poems that are nonfiction.
Nonfiction		
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I	Informational	Texts that provide factual information to readers.
B	Biography	The author tells the story of a real person's life.
AB	Autobiography	The person tells the story of his/her own life.
M	Memoir	The author tells about an experience or a part of his or her life.
PNF	Poetry-Nonfiction	Poems that are nonfiction.