

Realistic Fiction

Defined: A genre of stories that are made up but could very well happen in real life. These stories often take place in settings familiar to your child — like schools — which makes them more relatable. Examples: “Crossover” by Alexander Kwame and “Anne of Green Gables” by Lucy Maud Montgomery.

Historical Fiction

Defined: A genre of stories that didn’t really happen, but are based on events in history. They're perfect for kids who love to explore the past, and are often full of big adventures. Examples: “Dear Canada” series and “I Survived” series.

Traditional Literature

Defined: A genre in which stories are passed down from one generation to the next, such as tall tales and folk tales. You probably heard a number of these as a child. Examples: fairy tales by Hans Christen Andersen and Aesop’s Fables.

Science Fiction

Defined: A genre of stories that are not very likely to happen in real life, but are generally set in the future and tie in with science and technology. Examples: “Wrinkle in Time” by Madeline L’Engle and “Maya and the Robot” by Eve L. Ewing.

Fantasy

Defined: A genre of stories that are made up and include ideas that could not happen in real life, often involving magical or supernatural elements, such as talking animals. Examples: “Coraline” by Neil Gaiman and “Savvy” by Ingrid Law.

Mystery

Defined: A genre of stories that involve a secret or crime that needs to be solved, usually by the end of the story. Examples: “Nancy Drew” series and “Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer” by John Grisham

Informational

Defined: A type of nonfiction that provides factual information about a particular topic such as sports, animals, or historical events. Examples: “Animal Book” by Steven Jenkins and “Locked In Ice” by Peter Lourie.

Biography

Defined: An account of someone's life written by another person. These books are great not only for reading, but for inspiring! Example: "She Was The First" by Katheryn Russell-Brown.

Autobiography

Defined: An account of someone's life written by that person. Example: "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" by William Kamkwamba

Poetry

Defined: A genre where verses, that may or may not rhyme, are written to evoke a feeling from a reader. Examples: "Where The Sidewalk Ends" by Shel Silverstein and "National Geographic Book Of Nature Poetry".

Adventure

Defined: The adventure genre consists of books where the protagonist goes on an epic journey, either personally or geographically. Often the protagonist has a mission and faces many obstacles in his way. Examples: "Pax" by Sara Pennypacker and "Treasure Hunters" by James Patterson.

Scary / Horror

Defined: Horror stories are designed to evoke fear, fascination, or revulsion in the reader. This is done either through supernatural elements or psychological circumstances. Examples: "Goosebump" series by R. L. Stine and "The Night Gardener" by Jonathan Auxier.

Humor/ Comedy

Defined: The comedy genre is made up of books about a series of funny or comical events or scenes that are intended to make the reader laugh. Books in the comedy genre can also be about a particular quirky character that is funny or amusing. Examples: "Dog Man" series by Dav Pilkey and "I Funny" series by James Patterson.