

GENRES

Literature Genres

Realistic fiction - Realistic books have plots, characters, and settings that might be found in real life. They are stories that are make-believe, but they *could* have been true. An example might be *The Boxcar Children*.

Historical fiction - Stories that are written to portray a time period or convey information about a specific time period or an historical event. Usually the event or time period is about 30 years in the past. An example might be *Laura Ingalls Wilder*.

Mystery - Something that is unknown or yet unexplained. At the third grade level it could be a detective story for example. An example might be *Nate the Great* or *Cam Jansen*, *Nancy Drew* or *Hardy Boys*.

Folk Tale - A tale circulated by word of mouth among the common folk such as *Paul Bunyan*, *Johnny Appleseed*.

Fairy Tale - A fanciful tale of legendary deeds and creatures, usually intended for children. *Cinderella* would be a good example.

Modern Fantasy - A make believe story set in today's generation. *Harry Potter* is an example.

Science Fiction - fiction about science; typically based on speculative scientific discoveries or developments, environmental changes, space travel, or life on other planets.

Information - Science or Information - Social Studies - Non-fiction dealing with the topic of either science or social studies.

Information - Literature that is non-fiction written to inform

Biography - An account of a person's life written, composed, or produced by another. There are lots of versions of Helen Keller.

Autobiography - An account of a person's life written by the person.

Plays - a literary work written for performance on the stage; a drama.

Poetry - A piece of literature written in meter; verse. Shel Silverstein and Jack Prelutsky, Dr. Seuss also, are good examples.

Directions - Giving guidance, management or supervision of an action or operation.