

List of literary genres

- Allegory/pastoral
- Autobiography/Memoir
- Biography
- Children's literature
- Comedy
- Diaries and journals
- Drama: Tragedy, Comedy(subgenres of comedy - farce, comedy of manners, burlesque, satire), Tragicomedy(hybrid), Historical, Social, Modern, Melodrama, Epistolary
- Essay
- Fable
- Fairy tale
- Fantasy literature
- Fiction: Adventure novel, crime fiction, detective fiction, historical fiction, gothic fiction, mystery fiction, horror, thriller, conspiracy fiction, spy fiction, psychological thriller, science fiction
- Graphic Novel
- Novel of manners
- Oral narrative (oral history)
- Poetry: Epic, Lyric, Dramatic, Didactic, Narrative, Prose poetry (hybrid)
 - Some Basic Poetic Forms: Acrostic, Ballad, Blank verse, Elegy, Epigram, Free Verse, Haiku, Limerick, Lyric, Ode, Song, Villanelle, Sonnet(Shakespearean, Petrarchan/Italian, and Spenserian)
- Post-Modern
- Slave narrative
- Satire
- Young adult literature