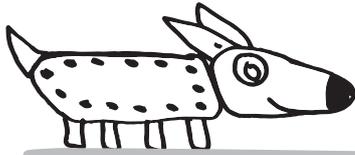


Genre



Genre is the style or category a story is written in



What genre interests you?

Writing in a specific genre creates an expectation in the reader. For instance, if someone wants to be scared, they will read a horror, if they want to laugh, they will read a comedy. If you write in a specific genre, your audience knows what to expect, if you do not deliver, then they will be disappointed.

A publisher will also want to know what genre, or category, you write in. It helps them to promote your book and it also helps them to know where it would sit in a bookstore. Even online it will be listed with similar books. Libraries categorise their books by genre too. People often read a specific genre and by keeping them together, whether in a bookstore, online or in a library, readers will know where to find them.

Fiction - made up

Non-Fiction - not made up



Action

As the title suggests, action stories are full of action! They are usually fast paced high pressure situations with characters being hurled from one action scene to the next. This might include scenes involving fighting, chasing, running, escaping. Can you think of more?



Science Fiction

Science fiction stories use elements of made up science and technology. They can be set in our world or other worlds and universes with characters that could be human, machine, alien, a combination of these, or completely imaginary creations.



Fantasy

Fantasy uses elements of magic and magical creatures to create an imaginary world. Elements include things like enchanted objects such as swords and talismans, dragons, wizards and witches, and spells. Their worlds often include settings such as castles and enchanted forests and weave in prophecy and legend.



These are known as speculative fiction



Romance

The story weaves around the romantic relationship between the main characters.



Western

These stories are typically set in the 'Old West' in America and involve characters such as cowboys and Indians, outlaws, sheriffs and pioneers. They are marked by a lawless country, often about rough and tumble people and landscapes such as ranches and small towns that centre around saloons, the bank and the farrier.



Crime

In this genre the story revolves around a crime which can include things such as a murder, attack, or even kidnapping . There are usually twists and turns and a series of clues until the guilty person is revealed.



Horror

Getting a fright or being terrified is what horror stories aim to do. They often use violence, supernatural elements or blood and gore to scare, shock or disgust the reader.



Thriller

Thrillers are the types of stories that keep you on the edge of your seat. They create apprehension, tension, and sometimes a sense of foreboding.



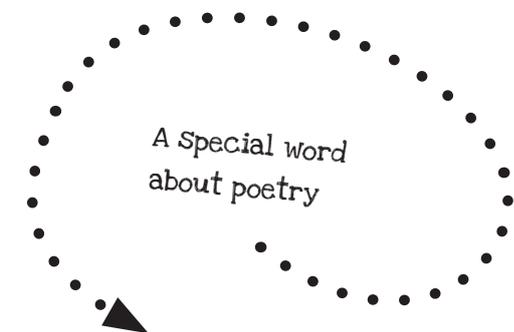
Biography

These are stories about real people and tell the story of their life and the things they have experienced. They are often about people who are famous or well known such as athletes, politicians, actors, singers and people who may have done extraordinary things. A similar situation occurs when someone writes their own story, this is called a memoir or an autobiography.



Academic

Academic writing is when lecturers at universities write papers that are printed in academic literature such as science magazines. They are analytical and factual and are based on research.



Poetry

All of these genres can be used when writing poetry. Poetry uses imagery and the sounds of words to create pictures and express ideas and feelings.

Sometimes you can write in more than one genre. For instance you might write a romance set in a western, or, your story might revolve around a crime that is set in a fantasy world. You could even write an action thriller or a romantic comedy!