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Literary Genres

Genre	Description	Book Title
<u>Fiction</u>: stories that use characters, settings, and plots to convey events that are not real.		
Historical Fiction	Fiction that is set in the past, often about a historical event	
Science Fiction	Fiction that deals with science or technology	
Realistic Fiction	Believable fiction that is set in the present day	
Fantasy	Highly imaginative fiction that uses strange or unusual characters, setting and plot	
Mystery	Fiction that includes secrets or crimes to be solved	
<u>Nonfiction</u>: writing that uses real people, settings, and plots to convey actual events.		
Informational	Nonfiction writing about a topic including books and newspaper or magazine articles.	
Autobiography	Nonfiction that is a biography of a person written by himself or herself	
Biography	Nonfiction that is informational writing about real people	

Folktale: An exaggerated story that has been shared over generations by word of mouth to convey a tradition.

Fairy Tale	Folktale that usually includes magical elements	
Fable	Folktale that teaches a moral or lesson, often including animals as characters	
Tall Tale	Folktale that is usually humorous, includes exaggeration, and is usually assumed to be untrue	
Myth	Folktale that is considered sacred and that attempts to explain how things came to be, often includes Greek Gods and Goddesses	

Poetry: verse that uses sounds, rhythm, and word choice to convey ideas

Drama: Skits, musicals, or plays that use language, song, or dance to convey messages