

Genres at a Glance

Fiction

Code	Genre	Definition
TL	Traditional Literature	Traditional literature originated in the stories passed down orally throughout history. It includes folktales, fairytales, myths, legends, and epics.
F	Fantasy	Fantasy is fiction that contains unrealistic or unworldly elements. It includes modern fantasy and science fiction.
SF	Science Fiction	Science fiction is a special division of fantasy that involves or is based on scientific principles.
RF	Realistic Fiction	Realistic fiction is drawn from the writer's imagination but is true to life. It often focuses on universal human problems.
HF	Historical Fiction	Historical fiction is drawn from the writer's imagination but is true to life in some period of the past.

Nonfiction

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I	Informational	Informational texts provide ideas, facts, and principles that are related to the physical, biological, or social world.
B	Biography	A biography is an account of the life of an individual.
AB	Autobiography	An autobiography is an account of the life of an individual written by the author.
M	Memoir	A memoir is the account of a personal or historical event.