

Genre Characteristics

FANTASY:

- contains elements that are not realistic
 - talking animals
 - magical powers
 - often set in a medieval universe
 - possibly involving mythical beings

SCIENCE FICTION:

- stories that often tell about science and technology of the future
- involving partially true fictions laws or theories of science
- Settings:
 - in the future
 - in space
 - on a different world
 - in a different universe or dimension

MYSTERY:

- a novel involving:
 - strangeness
 - solving a puzzling event or situation
 - something unknown
 - solving a crime
 - centered around a person who investigates wrongdoing
 - centered around a person or persons employed to obtain secret information

REALISTIC FICTION:

- stories that take place in modern times
- characters are involved in events that could happen.

HISTORICAL FICTION:

- stories centered around the basis of a partially historical situation
- a novel set in a historical period