

# GENRES

- **Absurdist fiction**
    - Literary nonsense
  - **Adventure novel**
    - Epic
    - Robinsonade (survivalist)
      - Apocalyptic robinsonade
    - Sea story
  - **Children's literature/YA fiction**
    - Bildungsroman
  - **Comic novel**
    - Parody
    - Romantic comedy
    - Satire
  - **Education fiction**
    - Campus novel
    - Varsity novel
    - School story
      - Boarding school story
  - **Experimental fiction**
  - **Erotic fiction**
  - **Historical fiction**
    - Historical romance
    - Metahistorical romance
    - Holocaust novel
    - Plantation tradition
    - Prehistoric fiction
    - Regency novel
      - Regency romance
  - **LGBT fiction**
  - **Metafiction**
  - **Nonfiction novel**
    - Biographical novel
    - Autobiographical novel
    - Memoir
  - **Occupational fiction**
    - Hollywood novel
    - Legal thriller
    - Medical fiction
    - Musical fiction
    - Sports fiction
  - **Philosophical fiction**
    - Existentialist fiction
    - Novel of ideas
  - **Political fiction**
    - Political satire
  - **Pulp fiction**
  - **Religious fiction**
  - **Saga**
    - Family saga
  - **Speculative fiction**
    - Science fiction
      - Hard science fiction
      - Soft science fiction
      - Space opera
      - Punk
        - Cyberpunk
          - Dieselpunk
          - Atompunk
  - Nanopunk
  - Postcyberpunk
  - Steampunk
    - Clockpunk
  - Biopunk
    - Alternative universe
    - Scientific romance
  - Horror
    - Gothic fiction
      - Southern Gothic
    - Paranormal
    - Splatterpunk
  - Fantasy
    - by Theme
      - Comic fantasy
      - Dark fantasy
      - Dystopian fantasy
      - Epic fantasy / High fantasy
      - Magical realism
      - Mythic
      - Paranormal fantasy
      - Quest
      - Superhero fantasy
      - Surrealist novel
      - Traditional fantasy
      - Utopian fantasy
    - by Place
      - Urban fantasy
      - Suburban fantasy
      - Country Fantasy
    - by Time
      - Historical fantasy
      - Prehistoric fantasy
      - Contemporary fantasy
      - Futuristic fantasy
- **Suspense fiction**
  - Crime fiction
  - Detective fiction
  - Mystery fiction
- **Thriller**
  - Conspiracy fiction
  - Legal thriller
  - Medical thriller
  - Political thriller
  - Spy fiction
  - Psychological thriller
  - Techno-thriller
- **Tragedy**
  - Melodrama
- **Urban fiction**
- **Westerns**
- **Women's Fiction**
  - Romance novel
  - Chick lit
    - Bride lit
    - Mommy lit