



Historical Fiction

Story whose setting is based on a real period or event in history. The characters can be real or fictional. Important events can be changed in historical fiction.

Writer is more concerned with character interaction rather than with the accurate recording of history.



Humorous Fiction

Story whose purpose is to entertain and amuse the reader. The story is not true.

The author can use many methods to achieve their purpose including farce (an exaggeration of the characters and events), and parody (imitating someone in a humorous way).



Realistic Fiction

The story is written in the present and may have a setting that is real. However, the actual events of the story are not true. All the events of the story could have happened even though they are fictional. Story does not contain science fiction or fantasy.



Science Fiction/Fantasy

Both include imaginary characters and events. **Science Fiction's** setting may include the future or other planets and includes fantastical science events. **Fantasy's** setting and characters may include magical worlds with wizards, unicorns, genies, or dragons.