

# Genres and literature



**When you speak about genre and literature, genre means a category, or kind of story.**

**All categories of books or stories can be called either fiction or non-fiction.**



## **Fiction**

- ⌘ a made up story
- ⌘ can tell about things that *could* happen
- ⌘ is read for fun
- ⌘ characters may be like real people or imaginary

## **Non-Fiction**

- ⌘ has facts that can be checked and proven
- ⌘ the author is an expert on this information
- ⌘ it IS TRUE!

# Genre



There are many categories of stories and books

Here are some of the common ones:

**Alphabet books**

**“How to” books**

**animal books**

**color books**

**arts and craft books**

**folktales**

**fantasy**

**mystery**

**poetry**

**biographies**

# Genre

**These are the choices we will use for our Golden Sower and Newbery quizzes.**

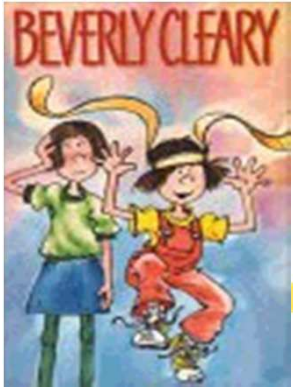
⌘ Realistic Fiction

⌘ Fantasy

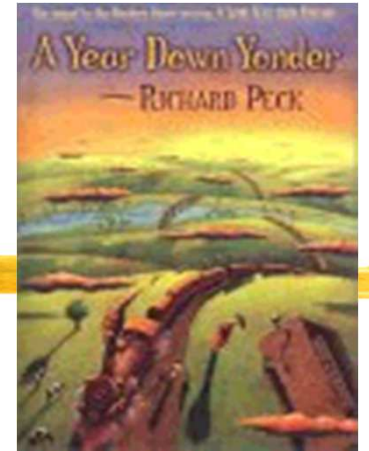
⌘ Poetry

⌘ Traditional Literature

⌘ Informational



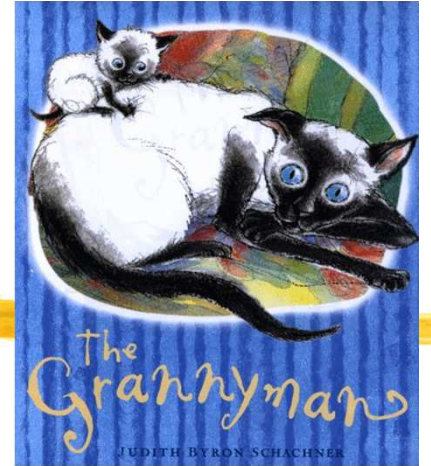
# Realistic fiction



- ⌘ can be based on a real story
- ⌘ characters act like real people
- ⌘ character tries to solve a problem
- ⌘ story could happen in real life
- ⌘ some events are historically accurate
- ⌘ character's feelings and behaviors are like real life

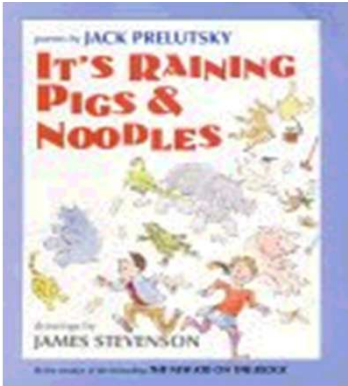


# Fantasy



- ⌘ Animal characters may act like people
- ⌘ characters may have special powers
- ⌘ characters may be imaginary beings
- ⌘ setting may be in another time (future)
- ⌘ usually has a good vs. evil conflict
- ⌘ may use scientific principles not yet available or discovered

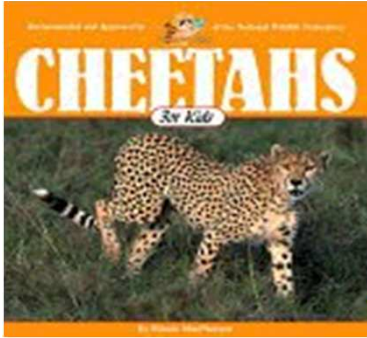




# Poetry

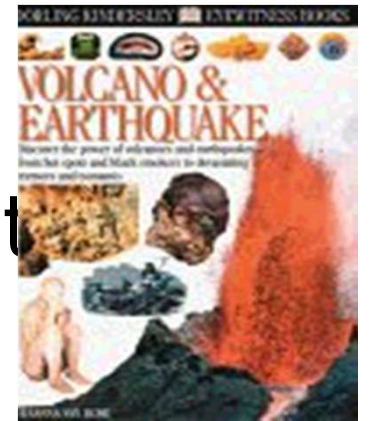
- ⌘ page format may look different than other books
- ⌘ may have rhythm (beat)
- ⌘ may rhyme
- ⌘ imaginative and creative
- ⌘ uses describing or exciting words
- ⌘ tells a story in verse



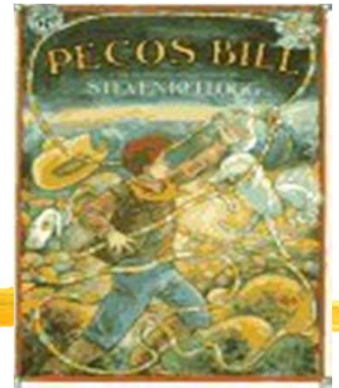


# Informational

- ⌘ Tells facts that can be looked-up or proven
- ⌘ tells about real events
- ⌘ characters have really lived
- ⌘ may have maps, diagrams and illustrations to explain the facts
- ⌘ author is an expert on the subject



# Traditional Literature



- ⌘ tells about the great deeds of a person who *may* have lived
- ⌘ may exaggerate a person's bravery or powers
- ⌘ probably a long ago setting
- ⌘ story may be considered a part of the history and culture of a group of people
- ⌘ magic may be used to solve a problem
- ⌘ a lesson can be learned from the story

