

The View From Under the Umbrella of Fantasy

DEFINITIONS OF SUB-GENRE

- **Fantasy:** Fiction that commonly uses magic and other supernatural phenomena as a primary element of plot, theme, or setting. The stories take place in imaginary worlds where magic is common.
- **High Fantasy:** Hero's Quest or Epic Fantasy. Dragons and Knights-in-shining-armor usually abound.
- **Paranormal:** Deals with fantastical creatures or situations that give you creepy crawly feelings on your skin. i.e., vampires, werewolves, zombies, ghosts, angels, demons.
- **Dystopian:** An alternate timeline or future in which modern day society has crumbled and is in a repressive and controlled state, often under the guise of being a utopian.. Dystopian societies are often imagined as police states with unlimited power over the citizens.
- **Science Fiction:** A genre of fiction dealing with imaginary but more or less plausible content such as future settings, futuristic science and technology, space travel, aliens, and paranormal abilities. Exploring the consequences of scientific innovations is one purpose of science fiction.
- **Urban Fantasy (or gothic fantasy):** describes a work that is set primarily in a city and contains aspects of fantasy. These matters may involve the arrivals of alien races, the discovery of earthbound mythological creatures, coexistence between humans and paranormal beings, conflicts between humans and malicious paranormals.
- **Myth:** A traditional or legendary story, usually concerning some being or hero or event, with or without a natural explanation, especially one that is concerned with deities or demigods and explains some practice, rite, or phenomenon of nature.
- **Legends & Fables :** These terms usually refer to stories that are handed down by tradition. Legend denotes a story (sometimes involving the supernatural) usually concerned with a real person, place, or object, as in the legend of the Holy Grail. A fable is specifically a story (often with animals or inanimate things as speakers or actors) designed to teach a moral.
- **Steampunk** incorporates elements of science fiction, fantasy, alternate history, and speculative fiction. Steam power is widely used in an alternate history such as Victorian era Britain, Wild West America, or a post-apocalyptic time—that incorporates elements of science fiction or fantasy. Steampunk features anachronistic technology based on a Victorian perspective.
- **Magical Realism:** A style of fiction which firmly takes place within the regular world in which magical elements blend with the real world. The story explains these magical elements as real occurrences, presented in a straightforward manner that places the "real" and the "fantastic" as the same.
- **Fairy Tales:** A type of story that features folkloric fantasy characters, such as fairies, goblins, elves, trolls, dwarves, giants, mermaids or gnomes, and usually magic or enchantments.

Book Titles Under The Umbrella Of Fantasy

HIGH FANTASY

The Lord of the Rings
J.R.R. Tolkein

Dealing with Dragons
Patricia C. Wrede

The Queen of Attolia
Megan Whalen Turner

Inkheart
Cornelia Funke

URBAN FANTASY

Tantalize (Series)
Cynthia Leitich Smith

The Borribles
Michael de Larrabeiti

The Painted Boy
Charles de Lint

Vodnik
Bryce Moore

MAGICAL REALISM

Bigger than a Breadbox
by Laurel Snyder

Ninth Ward
Jewell Parker-Rhodes

When the Butterflies Came
Kimberley Griffiths Little

The Inquisitor's Apprentice
Chris Moriarty

FAIRY TALES

Beauty
Robin McKinley

Mira, Mirror
Mette Ivie Harrison

Cinder
Marissa Meyer

The Grimm Legacy
Polly Shulman

PARANORMAL

Shiver (Series)
Maggie Stiefvater

Paranormalcy
Kiersten White

The Forest of Hands and Teeth
by Carrie Ryan

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
Ransom Riggs

DYSTOPIAN

Divergent
Veronica Roth

Under the Never Sky
Veronica Rossi

Delirium
Lauren Oliver

The Giver
Lois Lowry

Legend by Marie Lu

STEAMPUNK

Girl in the Steel Corset
Kady Cross

Clockwork Angel (Series)
Cassandra Clare

The Boneshaker
Cherie Priest

Leviathan (Series)
Scott Westerfeld

SCIENCE FICTION

Across the Universe
Beth Revis

Chronal Engine
Greg Leitich Smith

Invisible Sun
David Gills

The Adoration of Jenna Fox
Mary E. Pearson

FANTASY

Howl's Moving Castle
Dian Wynne Jones

Tuesdays at the Castle
Jessica Day George

The Amaranth Enchantment
Julie Berry

Incarceron
Catherine Fisher

LEGEND

The Brixen Witch
by Stacy DeKeyser

Tyger, Tyger (Series)
Kersten Hamilton

The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp
by Richard Yancy

Avalon High
Meg Cabot

MYTH

The Mermaid's Mirror
L.K. Madigan

The Night Tourist
Katherine Marsha

Goddess of Yesterday
Caroline Cooney

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
Grace Lin