

The View From Under the Umbrella of Fantasy

DEFINITIONS OF SUB-GENRE

- **Fantasy:** Stories where supernatural phenomena as a primary element of the plot, theme, or setting. The stories take place in imaginary worlds where magic is common.
- **High Fantasy:** Hero's Quest or Big, Epic Fantasy with many species of creatures, and fully realized worlds (like Middle Earth) with its own particular history. Dragons and Knights-in-shining-armor usually abound.
- **Paranormal:** Deals with fantastical creatures or situations 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 big city and contains aspects of fantasy. These 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 story concerning some being or hero or event, with or without a natural explanation, especially one about deities/demigods, or explains some practice, rite, or phenomenon of nature.
- **Legends & Fables :** These terms usually refer to stories that are handed down by tradition. Sometimes involving the supernatural, a legend usually concerns a real person, place, or object, as in the legend of the Holy Grail. A fable is 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 our regular world but in which magical elements blend with the real world. The story explains these magical elements as real occurrences, presented in a manner that places the "real" and the "fantastic" as the same.
- **Fairy Tales:** A story that features folkloric fantasy characters, such as fairies, goblins, elves, trolls, dwarves, giants, mermaids or gnomes, and usually magic or enchantments.
- **Time travel:** A modern or historical story with some sort of time travel or time machine.

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

The Painted Boy

Vodnik
Bryce Moore

MAGICAL REALISM

Bigger than a Breadbox
by Laurel Snyder

Ninth Ward
Jewell Parker-Rhodes

When the Butterflies Came
Kimberley Griffiths Little

Nightingale's Nest
Nikki Loftin

FAIRY TALES

Beauty
Robin McKinley

Mira, Mirror
Mette Ivie Harrison

Cinder
Marissa Meyer

The Grimm Legacy
Polly Shulman

PARANORMAL

My Haunted Library
Dori Hillestad Butler

Forget Me Not
Carolee Dean

The Time of the Fireflies
Kimberley Griffiths Little

*Miss Peregrine's Home for
Peculiar Children*
Ransom Riggs

DYSTOPIAN

Divergent
Veronica Roth

Z is for Zachariah
Robert C. O'Brian

The Giver
Lois Lowry

Life as We Knew It
Susan Beth Pfeffer

STEAMPUNK

Lumiere
Jacqueline Garlick

Clockwork Angel (Series)
Cassandra Clare

The Boneshaker
Cherie Priest

The Mesmer Menace
Kersten Hamilton

TIME TRAVEL

The Last Snake Runner
Kimberley Griffiths Little

All our Yesterdays
Cristin Terrell

A Traveler in Time
Alison Uttley

Nick of Time
Anne Lindbergh

SCIENCE FICTION

These Broken Stars
Amie Kaufman & Meg Spooner

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 Kripp* by Richard Yancy

Avalon High
Meg Cabot

MYTH

The Mermaid's Mirror
L.K. Madigan

Seven Wonders (Series)
Peter Lerangis

Goddess of Yesterday
Caroline Cooney

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
Grace Lin