

# Reading Genres

## Fiction Genres

**Fiction:** stories that use characters, settings, and plots to convey events that are not real

**Fable** – a folktale that teaches a moral or a lesson, often including animals as characters



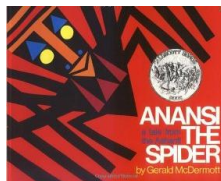
**Fairy Tale** – A folktale that usually includes magical elements

**Fractured Fairy Tale** – traditional fairy tale, rearranged to create new plots with fundamentally different meanings or messages, often with a reforming intent, seeking to impart updated social and moral messages.



**Fantasy** – highly imaginative fiction that uses strange or unusual characters, setting and plot

**Folktale** – an exaggerated story that has been shared over the generations by word of mouth to convey a tradition



**Historical Fiction** – fictional story that is set in the past

**Tall Tale** – folktale that is usually humorous and usually assumed to be untrue

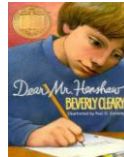


**Legend** – folktale that can be based on a real person or event



**Mystery** – fiction that includes secrets or crimes to be solved

**Myth** – folktale that is considered sacred and that attempts to explain how things came to be



**Realistic Fiction** – believable fiction that is set in the present

**Science Fiction** – fiction that deals with science or technology



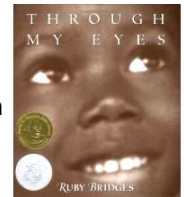
## Non-Fiction Genres

**Nonfiction:** writing that uses real people, settings, and plots to convey actual events



**Biography** – nonfiction that is informational writing about real people

**Autobiography** – nonfiction that is a biography of a person written by himself or herself



**Informational** – nonfiction writing about a topic, including books and newspaper or magazine articles

**Speech** – Public address or discourse



**Poetry (P)** – Verse that uses sounds, rhythm, and word choice to convey ideas