



Children's Literature

Picture Books

- * Intended to be read by adults to young children, ages 0-8
- * Depends largely on illustration to help tell the story
- * Vivid, poetic language to engage listeners
- * Word count: 0-1000

Genres Found In All Age Categories:

Contemporary

Historical

Fantasy

Steampunk

Chapter Books

- * Intended to be read by kids as they learn to read, ages 5-8
- * Kindergarten—3rd Grade
- * Heavily illustrated
- * Divided into 2 sub-categories
 - * Early (Leveled) Reader
 - * Chapter Books
- * Early (Leveled) Readers start with simple language and progress to more advanced
- * Chapter Books incorporate plot structure and chapters
- * Often in series
- * Word Count: 500-15,000

Middle Grade

- * Intended for kids ages 8-13
- * 4th Grade—8th Grade
- * Some Illustration
- * Divided into 2 sub-categories
 - * Lower Middle Grade
 - * Upper Middle Grade
- * Lower Middle Grade has some illustration, more simple plots and themes—ages 8-10
- * Upper Middle Grade rarely has illustrations, and uses complex plots, characterization, and themes—ages 10-13
- * Distinct Middle School voice
- * Word Count: 20,000-60,000

Graphic Novels

Young Adult

- * Intended for kids ages 12-18
- * 8th Grade—12th Grade
- * Rarely illustrated
- * Young Adult uses very complex plots, characterization, and themes.
- * Often edgy, dark, and showing troubling scenarios
- * Distinct High School voice
- * Word Count: 25,000-150,000

Supernatural

Western

Mystery

Science Fiction