



# 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*