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Mysteries and miracle plays. | 2gsafd  
Mystery comic books, strips, etc. . | 2gsafd

Mystery fiction. | 2gsafd  
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Mystery plays. | 2gsafd  
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Narrative poetry. | 2gsafd  
Noir fiction. | 2gsafd  
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Radio plays. | 2gsafd  
Radio scripts. | 2gsafd  
Radio serials. | 2gsafd  
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Road fiction. | 2gsafd  
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Romances. | 2gsafd  
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Science fiction. | 2gsafd  
Science fiction comic books, strips, etc. | 2gsafd  
Science fiction films. | 2gsafd  
Science fiction plays. | 2gsafd  
Science fiction poetry. | 2gsafd  
Science fiction radio programs. | 2gsafd  
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Sea stories. | 2gsafd  
Short films. | 2gsafd  
Short stories. | 2gsafd  
Silent films. | 2gsafd  
Spy films. | 2gsafd  
Spy radio programs. | 2gsafd  
Spy stories. | 2gsafd  
Spy television programs. | 2gsafd  
Superhero comic books, strips, etc. | 2gsafd  
Superhero films. | 2gsafd  
Superhero radio programs. | 2gsafd  
Superhero television programs. | 2gsafd  
Suspense fiction. | 2gsafd

Suspense films. | 2gsafd  
Suspense radio programs. | 2gsafd  
Suspense television programs. | 2gsafd  
Tall tales. | 2gsafd  
Television movies. | 2gsafd  
Television plays. | 2gsafd  
Television scripts. | 2gsafd  
Television serials. | 2gsafd  
Tragedies. | 2gsafd  
Utopian fiction. | 2gsafd  
Variety films. | 2gsafd  
Variety shows (Radio programs) . | 2gsafd  
Variety shows (Television programs) . | 2gsafd  
Voyages, Imaginary. | 2gsafd  
War films. | 2gsafd  
War poetry. | 2gsafd  
War radio programs  
War stories. | 2gsafd  
War television programs. | 2gsafd  
Western comic books, strips, etc. | 2gsafd  
Western films. | 2gsafd  
Western radio programs. | 2gsafd  
Western stories. | 2gsafd  
Western television programs. | 2gsafd

## ***Guidelines on Subject Access to Individual Works of Fiction, Drama, Etc.***

(List of form/genre headings – the ones in **bold type** may be used – some terms not in bold type may be valid terms in LCSH, LCGFT or other vocabularies, but not valid as GSAFD terms. NT means Narrower Term. BT means Broader Term. RT means Related Term.)

Adult fiction

Use **Erotic fiction**

Adult films

Use **Erotic films**

### **Adventure fiction**

Use for works characterized by an emphasis on physical and often violent action, exotic locales, and danger, generally with little character development.

Used for Adventure stories

Swashbucklers

Thrillers

**NT Picaresque literature**

**Robinsonades**

**Western stories**

**RT Sea stories**

### **Adventure films**

Used for Swashbucklers

Thrillers

**NT Spy films**

**Spy television programs**

**Western films**

**Western television programs**

### **Adventure radio programs**

Used for Swashbucklers

Thrillers

**NT Spy radio programs**

**Western radio programs**

Adventure stories

Use **Adventure fiction**

### **Adventure television programs**

Used for Swashbucklers

Thrillers

**NT Spy films**

**Spy television programs**

**Western films**

**Western television programs**

Allegorical fiction

Use **Allegories**

### **Allegories**

Use for works of fiction which contain a secondary meaning embodied in the narrative, often moral or spiritual in nature. A novel belonging to this genre is John Bunyan's

*Pilgrim s progress.*

Used for Allegorical fiction  
Cautionary tales and verse  
Moral and philosophical stories  
Morality tales

**RT Fables**

**Parables**

**Alternative histories (Fiction)**

Use for works featuring key changes in historical facts.

**BT Fantasy Fiction**

Animated cartoons

Use **Animated films**

**Animated films**

Used for Animated cartoons  
Cartoons, Animated  
Films, Animated  
Motion picture cartoons  
Moving-picture cartoons

**Animated television programs**

Used for Television programs, Animated

Anti-utopias

Use **Dystopias**

Anti-war films

Use **War films**

Anti-war poetry

Use **War poetry**

Anti-war stories

Use **War stories**

Apocalyptic fantasies

Use **Fantasy fiction**

**Robinsonades**

**Science fiction**

**War stories**

Apprenticeship novels

Use **Bildungsromans**

**Arthurian romances**

Used for Romances, Arthurian

**BT Romances**

**Autobiographical fiction**

Use for works in which the events in the writer's life slightly disguised are presented as fiction. Samuel Butler's *The way of all flesh* is an example of autobiographical fiction.

Used for Fiction, Autobiographical

**BT Biographical fiction**

**RT Historical fiction**

**Bible fiction**

Use for works of imaginative fiction in which characters and settings are taken from the

Bible; for example, Taylor Caldwell's *L Judas*.

**RT Christian Fiction**

**Bible films**

**Bible plays**

Use for dramatizations of biblical events.

**NT Mysteries and miracle plays**

**Passion plays**

Bildungsromane

Use **Bildungsromans**

**Bildungsromans**

Use for novels in which the theme is the development of a character from youth to adulthood. An example is Charles Dickens' *Great expectations*.

Used for Apprenticeship novels

Bildungsromane

Coming of age stories

**Biographical fiction**

Use for fictionalized accounts of the life of a real person.

Used for Biographical novels

Fiction, Biographical

**NT Autobiographical fiction**

**RT Historical fiction**

**Biographical films**

Biographical novels

Use **Biographical fiction**

**Biographical radio programs**

**Biographical television programs**

Black comedy (Literature)

Use **Black humor (Literature)**

**Black humor (Literature)**

Use for works characterized by a desperate, sardonic humor intended to induce laughter as the appropriate response to the apparent meaninglessness and absurdity of existence.

Used for Black comedy (Literature)

Dark comedy (Literature)

Dark humor (Literature)

Gallows humor

Bucolic fiction

Use **Pastoral fiction**

Bucolic poetry

Use **Pastoral poetry**

Cartoons, Animated

Use **Animated films**

Cautionary tales and verse

Use **Allegories**

**Didactic fiction**

**Fables**

## **Parables**

### **Christian fiction**

Use for works of imaginative fiction that promote Christian teachings or exemplify a Christian way of life.

#### **RT Bible fiction**

Chronicle history (Drama)

Use **Historical drama**

Chronicle plays

Use **Historical drama**

### **Comedies**

Used for Humorous plays

Slapstick comedies

#### **NT Comedy films**

#### **Comedy radio programs**

#### **Comedy television programs**

#### **Farces**

### **Comedy films**

Also consult *LCSH* for specific kinds of comedy films; e.g., **Three Stooges films**

Used for Humorous films

Slapstick comedies

#### **BT Comedies**

#### **RT Comedy television programs**

### **Comedy radio programs**

Used for Radio comedy programs

#### **BT Comedies**

### **Comedy television programs**

Used for Sitcoms

Situation comedies

Slapstick comedies

Television comedy programs

#### **BT Comedies**

#### **RT Comedy films**

#### **Comic books, strips, etc.**

#### **NT Erotic comic books, strips, etc.**

#### **Mystery comic books, strips, etc.**

#### **Science fiction comic books, strips, etc.**

#### **Superhero comic books, strips, etc.**

#### **Western comic books, strips, etc.**

Comic novels

Use **Humorous fiction**

Coming of age stories

Use **Bildungsromans**

Courtroom drama

Use **Legal drama**

#### **Legal drama (Films)**

#### **Legal drama (Radio programs)**



## **Legal drama (Television programs)**

Courtroom fiction

Use **Legal stories**

Courtroom stories

Use **Legal stories**

Creature films

Use **Horror films**

Crime comics

Use **Mystery comic books, strips, etc.**

Crime films

Use **Film noir**

## **Gangster films**

## **Mystery films**

Crime stories

Use **Mystery fiction**

Dark comedy (Literature)

Use **Black humor (Literature)**

Dark humor (Literature)

Use **Black humor (Literature)**

Detective and mystery comic books, strips, etc.

Use **Mystery comic books, strips, etc.**

Detective and mystery fiction

Use **Mystery fiction**

Detective and mystery films

Use **Mystery films**

Detective and mystery plays

Use **Mystery plays**

Detective and mystery radio programs

Use **Mystery radio programs**

Detective and mystery stories

Use **Mystery fiction**

Detective and mystery television programs

Use **Mystery television programs**

## **Didactic drama**

Used for Morality plays

## **Didactic fiction**

Use for works that are primarily intended to teach a lesson.

Used for Cautionary tales and verse

Fiction, Didactic

Moral and philosophical stories

Morality tales

**RT Fables**

**Parables**

## **Didactic poetry**

Used for Cautionary tales and verse

**RT Fables**

**Parables**

Doctor films

Use **Medical drama (Films)**

Doctor novels

Use **Medical novels**

Doctor radio programs,

Use **Medical drama (Radio programs)**

Doctor television programs

Use **Medical drama (Television programs)**

Drama, Historical

Use **Historical drama**

Dystopian fiction

Use **Dystopias**

### **Dystopias**

Literally, "bad place." Use for works that are accounts of imaginary worlds, usually in the future, in which present tendencies, beliefs, principles, or theories are carried out to their intensely unpleasant culmination. Examples include George Orwell's *1984* and Aldous Huxley's *Brave new world*.

Used for Anti-utopias

Dystopian fiction

**BT Fantasy fiction**

**RT Utopian fiction**

Eclogues

Use **Pastoral poetry**

### **Elegiac poetry**

Used for Elegies

Lamentations

Elegies

Use **Elegiac poetry**

End-of -the-world -fantasies

**Use Fantasy fiction**

**Robinsonades**

**Science fiction**

**War stories**

### **Epic fiction**

Use for works that parallel traditional epics in range and magnitude, and are, or could be, characterized by grandiose treatment of individuals or national destiny. Examples include James Michener's *Centennial* and Leon Uris' *Exodus*.

Used for Epic literature

Fiction, Epic

### **Epic films**

Used for Film epics

Epic literature

**Use Epic fiction**

**Epic poetry**

### **Epic poetry**

Used for Epic literature

**BT Narrative poetry**

**RT Romances**

**Epistolary fiction**

Use for novels written in the form of a series of letters.

Used for Epistolary novels

Fiction, Epistolary

Novels in letters

Epistolary novels

Use **Epistolary fiction**

**Epistolary poetry**

Used for Verse epistles

**Erotic comic books, strips, etc.**

**BT Comic books, strips, etc.**

**Erotic fiction**

Use for works that are characterized by treatment of sexual love in more or less explicit detail. The sexual element is made a portion of the aesthetic, thematic, or moral aspect of the work; that is, it exists as a contributing part to some other objective than titillation or sexual arousal.

Used for Adult fiction

Erotic novels

**RT Love stories**

**Romantic suspense fiction**

**Erotic films**

Used for Adult films

Erotic novels

Use **Erotic fiction**

**Erotic poetry**

**RT Love poetry**

Espionage films

Use **Spy films**

Espionage radio programs

Use **Spy radio programs**

Espionage stories

Use **Spy stories**

Espionage television programs

Use **Spy television programs**

**Fables**

Use for tales intended to teach moral lessons, often with animals or inanimate objects speaking and acting like human beings and usually with the lesson stated briefly at the end. A novel belonging to this genre is George Orwell's *Animal farm*.

Used for Cautionary tales and verse

Moral and philosophical stories

Morality tales

**BT Folklore**

**RT Allegories**

**Didactic fiction**

**Didactic poetry**

**Legends**

**Parables**

**Romances**

**Fairy tales**

Use for short simple narratives often of folk origin and usually intended for children, involving fantastic forces and magical beings such as dragons, elves, fairies, goblins, witches, and wizards.

**BT Folklore**

Fantastic fiction

Use **Fantasy fiction**

Fantastic films

Use **Fantasy films**

Fantastic poetry

Use **Fantasy poetry**

Fantastic radio programs

Use **Fantasy radio programs**

Fantastic television programs

Use **Fantasy television programs**

**Fantasy fiction**

Use for works that feature imaginary worlds, extraordinary creatures, sorcerers, epic quests, or magic.

Used for Apocalyptic fantasies

End-of-the-world fantasies

Fantastic fiction

Fiction, Fantasy

Time travel (Fiction)

**NT Alternative histories (Fiction)**

**Dystopias**

**Ghost stories**

**Horror fiction**

**Occult fiction**

**Utopian fiction**

**Voyages, Imaginary**

**Science fiction**

**Fantasy films**

Used for Fantastic films

**NT Horror films**

**RT Science fiction films**

**Fantasy poetry**

Used for Fantastic poetry

**Fantasy radio programs**

Used for Fantastic radio programs

**RT Science fiction radio programs**

**Fantasy television programs**

Used for Fantastic television programs

**RT Science fiction television programs**

## **Farces**

Use for a comedy based on unlikely situations and exaggerated effects.

## **BT Comedies**

### **Feature films**

Fiction, Autobiographical

Use **Autobiographical fiction**

Fiction, Biographical

Use **Biographical fiction**

Fiction, Detective

Use **Mystery fiction**

Fiction, Didactic

Use **Didactic fiction**

Fiction, Dystopian

Use **Dystopias**

Fiction, Epic

Use **Epic fiction**

Fiction, Epistolary

Use **Epistolary fiction**

Fiction, Fantasy

Use **Fantasy fiction**

Fiction, Gothic

Use **Gothic fiction**

Fiction, Historical

Use **Historical fiction**

Fiction, Horror

Use **Horror fiction**

Fiction, Mystery

Use **Mystery fiction**

Fiction, Noir

Use **Noir fiction**

Fiction, Occult

Use **Occult fiction**

Fiction, Pastoral

Use **Pastoral fiction**

Fiction, Regency

Use **Regency fiction**

Fiction, Road

Use **Road fiction**

Fiction, Science

Use **Science fiction**

Fiction, Utopian

Use **Utopian fiction**

Film epics

Use **Epic films**

### **Film noir**

Used for Crime films

Film novelizations

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Use **Movie novels**

Film scripts

Use **Motion picture plays**

Films, Animated

Use **Animated films**

Films, Short

Use **Short films**

Films, Silent

Use **Silent films**

Filmscripts

Use **Motion picture plays**

Folk lore

Use **Folklore**

Folk tales

Use **Folklore**

**Legends**

**Folklore**

Use for traditional beliefs, legends, and *customs* of a people; often based on spoken rather than written tradition.

Used for Folk lore

Folk tales

**NT Fables**

**Fairy tales**

**Tall tales**

**RT Legends**

Gallows humor

Use **Black humor (Literature)**

**Gangster films**

Used for Crime films

**Ghost stories**

Use for fiction which features ghosts, spirits, and other supernatural phenomena, written to prey upon the fears of the reader.

Used for Terror tales

**BT Fantasy fiction**

**Horror fiction**

**Occult fiction**

**RT Gothic fiction**

**Gothic fiction**

Use for fiction which has a medieval setting and which includes castles and ghosts.

Used for Fiction, Gothic

Gothic novels

**BT Historical fiction**

**Horror fiction**

**Occult fiction**

**RT Ghost stories**

**Love stories**

## **Romantic suspense fiction**

Gothic novels

Use **Gothic fiction**

## **Historical drama**

Used for Chronicle history (Drama)

Chronicle plays

Drama, Historical

Historical plays

**NT Bible plays**

**War films**

**Western films**

**Western radio programs**

**Western television programs**

## **Historical fiction**

Use for novels set during a time prior to the time in which they were written, and based around real events, people, or situations.

Used for Fiction, Historical

Historical novels

Historical romances

**NT Gothic fiction**

**Regency fiction**

**War stories**

**Western stories**

**RT Autobiographical fiction**

**Biographical fiction**

**Historical films**

Historical novels

Use **Historical fiction**

Historical plays

Use **Historical drama**

## **Historical poetry**

**BT Narrative poetry**

Historical romances

Use **Historical fiction**

## **Horror fiction**

Use for works of the gruesome and horrific. Themes can include possession; people or creatures rising from the dead; and characters with psychic or occult powers. Examples include Stephen King's *Shining* and W.W. Jacobs' *Monkey's paw*.

Used for Fiction, Horror

Horror novels

Horror tales

Terror tales

**BT Fantasy fiction**

**NT Ghost stories**

**Gothic fiction**

**RT Occult fiction**

## **Horror films**

Consult *LCSH* for particular kinds of horror films: e.g., **Vampire films**.

Used for Creature films

Monster films

**BT Fantasy films**

Horror novels

Use **Horror fiction**

**Horror plays**

**Horror radio programs**

Horror tales

Use **Horror fiction**

**Horror television programs**

Hospital novels

Use **Medical novels**

**Humorous fiction**

Use for novels and stories written in a comical and amusing manner.

Used for Comic novels

Humorous films

Use **Comedy films**

Humorous plays

Use **Comedies**

**Humorous poetry**

Used for Humorous verse

Light verse

Humorous verse

Use **Humorous poetry**

Idyllic poetry

Use **Pastoral poetry**

Imaginary voyages

Use **Voyages, Imaginary**

Lamentations

Use **Elegiac poetry**

**Legal drama**

Used for Courtroom drama

**Legal drama (Films)**

Used for Courtroom drama

**Legal drama (Radio programs)**

Used for Courtroom drama

**Legal drama (Television programs)**

Used for Courtroom drama

**Legal stories**

Used for novels that deal with the law, legal procedure, lawyers, judges, etc.

Used for Courtroom fiction

Courtroom stories

**Legends**

Use for works of traditional narrative, especially those handed down from early times



and popularly regarded as historical. Legends are generally about an individual figure, e.g., Robin Hood, the Flying Dutchman, Faust.

Used for Folk tales

**RT Fables**

**Folklore**

**Romances**

Light verse

Use **Humorous poetry**

Livres à clef

Use **Romans à clef**

**Love poetry**

**RT Erotic poetry**

**Love stories**

Use for works dealing primarily with romantic love.

Used for Romance fiction

Romances (Love stories)

**RT Erotic fiction**

**Gothic fiction**

**Romantic suspense fiction**

Made-for-TV movies

Use **Television movies**

**Medical drama (Films)**

Used for Doctor films

**Medical drama (Radio programs)**

Used for Doctor radio programs

**Medical drama (Television programs)**

Used for Doctor television programs

**Medical novels**

Use for fiction with a medical setting, including hospitals, and usually involving medical personnel, doctors, nurses, etc. Examples include *Dr. Hudson's secret journal*, by Lloyd C. Douglas; *A case of need*, by Michael Crichton; and *Blindsight*, by Robin Cook.

Used for Doctor novels

Hospital novels

**Melodrama**

**Melodramatic fiction**

Use for works characterized by sensationalism, extravagant emotional appeal, and the subordination of character to plot.

Miracle plays

Use **Mysteries and miracle plays**

Monster films

Use **Horror films**

Moral and philosophical stories

Use **Allegories**

**Didactic fiction**

**Fables**

## **Parables**

### **Moralities**

Use for plays in which the chief characters are personifications of abstract qualities.

Used for Morality tales

### **RT Mysteries and miracle plays**

Morality plays

Use **Didactic drama**

### **Moralities**

Morality tales

Use **Allegories**

### **Didactic fiction**

### **Fables**

### **Parables**

Motion picture cartoons

Use **Animated films**

Motion picture musicals

Use **Musical films**

Motion picture novelizations

Use **Movie novels**

### **Motion picture plays**

Used for Film scripts

Filmscripts

Screenplays

### **Motion picture serials**

Movie novelizations

Use **Movie novels**

### **Movie novels**

Use for fiction based on movies.

Used for Film novelizations

Motion picture novelizations

Movie novelizations

Movie tie-ins

### **RT Radio and television novels**

Movie tie-ins

Use **Movie novels**

Moving-picture cartoons

Use **Animated films**

Moving-pictures, Musical

Use **Musical films**

Murder mysteries

Use **Mystery fiction**

### **Mystery films**

### **Mystery plays**

### **Mystery radio programs**

### **Mystery television programs**

### **Musical films**

Used for Motion picture musicals

Moving-pictures, Musical

Mysteries

Use **Mysteries and miracle plays**

**Mystery fiction**

**Mysteries and miracle plays**

Use for medieval plays depicting the life of Christ or legends of the saints.

Used for Miracle plays

Mysteries

**NT Passion plays**

**BT Bible plays**

**RT Moralities**

Mystery and detective stories

Use **Mystery fiction**

**Mystery comic books, strips, etc.**

Used for Crime comics

Detective and mystery comic books, strips, etc.

**BT Comic books, strips, etc.**

**Mystery fiction**

Use for novels and stories dealing with the detection and solution of crime. Where possible assign additional topical headings, e.g., a class-of-persons heading for the investigator, or a heading for the name of the investigator, and headings for the setting and for the crime involved.

Used for Crime stories

Detective and mystery fiction

Detective and mystery stories

Fiction, Detective

Fiction, Mystery

Murder mysteries

Mysteries

Mystery and detective stories

Mystery stories

Private eye stories

Thrillers

Whodunits

**NT Noir fiction**

**Mystery films**

Consult *LCSH* for particular kinds of detective and mystery films: e.g., **Sherlock Holmes films**.

Used for Crime films

Detective and mystery films

Murder mysteries

Private eye stories

Thrillers

Whodunits

**Mystery plays**

Used for Detective and mystery plays

Murder mysteries  
Private eye stories  
Whodunits

**Mystery radio programs**

Used for Detective and mystery radio programs  
Murder mysteries  
Private eye stories  
Thrillers  
Whodunits

Mystery stories

Use **Mystery fiction**

**Mystery television programs**

Used for Detective and mystery television programs  
Murder mysteries  
Private eye stories  
Thrillers  
Whodunits

**Narrative poetry**

**NT Epic poetry**

**Historical poetry**

**Noir fiction**

Taken from the French word meaning "darkness" or "of the night," noir is a category of modern crime fiction. Use this term for fiction of crime and detection, often in a grim urban setting, featuring petty, amoral criminals and other down-and-out characters, and permeated by a feeling of disillusionment, pessimism, and despair. Examples include Jim Thompson's *Hardcore* and James M. Cain's *The postman always rings twice*.

Used for Fiction, Noir

**BT Mystery fiction**

Novels in letters

Use **Epistolary fiction**

**Occult fiction**

Use for works dealing with witchcraft, spiritualism, psychic phenomena, voodooism, etc., and for works dealing with the mysterious or secret knowledge and power supposedly attainable only through these and other magical or supernatural means.

Used for Fiction, Occult

**NT Ghost stories**

**Gothic fiction**

**BT Fantasy fiction**

**RT Horror fiction**

**Parables**

Use for works in which the allegory is short and simple and which deals with a familiar occurrence in life or nature that by analogy conveys a spiritual truth.

Used for Cautionary tales and verse

Moral and philosophical stories

Morality tales

**RT Allegories**  
**Didactic fiction**  
**Didactic poetry**  
**Fables**

**Passion plays**

Use for medieval plays depicting the Passion of Christ.

**BT Bible plays**  
**Mystery and miracle plays**

**Pastoral drama**

Used for Pastorals  
Rural comedies

**Pastoral fiction**

Use for novels with a rural setting and a tone of romantic nostalgia.  
Used for Bucolic fiction  
Fiction, Pastoral  
Pastoral romances  
Pastorals  
Rural comedies

**Pastoral poetry**

Used for Bucolic poetry  
Eclogues  
Idyllic poetry  
Pastorals  
Rural poetry

Pastoral romances

Use **Pastoral fiction**

Pastorals

Use **Pastoral drama**

**Pastoral fiction**

**Pastoral poetry**

**Picaresque literature**

Use for episodic accounts of the adventures of an engagingly roguish hero. The adventures are often used to satirize the society of the day. Novels in this genre include Daniel Defoe's *Moll Flanders*, Henry Fielding's *Tom Jones*, and Thomas Mann's *Confessions of Felix Krull*.

Used for Picaresque novels

**BT Adventure fiction**

**RT Road fiction**

Picaresque novels

Use **Picaresque literature**

Private eye stories

Use **Mystery fiction**

**Mystery films**

**Mystery plays**

**Mystery radio programs**

### **Mystery television programs**

### **Radio and television novels**

Use for fiction based on radio or television programs.

Used for Radio novels

Television novels

### **RT Movie novels**

Radio comedy programs

Use **Comedy radio programs**

Radio drama

Use **Radio plays**

Radio novels

Use **Radio and television novels**

### **Radio plays**

Used for Radio drama

### **RT Radio scripts**

### **Radio scripts**

**RT Radio plays**

### **Radio serials**

### **Regency fiction**

Use for historical works set during the late 18th and early 19<sup>th</sup> century up to the reign of Queen Victoria.

Used for Fiction, Regency

Regency novels

### **BT Historical fiction**

Regency novels

Use **Regency fiction**

### **Road fiction**

Use for works in which a journey, as a life-changing experience, is a central part of the action. An example of a work in the genre is Jack Kerouac's *On the road*.

Used for Fiction, Road

Road novels

### **RT Picaresque literature**

Road novels

Use **Road fiction**

### **Robinsonades**

Use for works describing an individual's or a small group's survival without the aid of civilization, as on a deserted island.

Used for Apocalyptic fantasies

End-of-the-world fantasies

### **BT Adventure fiction**

**Voyages, Imaginary**

Romance fiction

Use **Love stories**

### **Romances**

Use for medieval tales, which embody the life and adventures of a hero of chivalry. For contemporary novels, use **Love stories** or **Romantic suspense fiction**.

**NT Arthurian romances**

**RT Epic poetry**

**Fables**

**Legends**

Romances, Arthurian

Use **Arthurian romances**

Romances (Love stories)

Use **Love stories**

**Romans à clef**

Use for novels in which the fictional characters and events can be identified with real persons and events.

Used for Livres à clef

**Romantic suspense fiction**

Use for contemporary works. Medieval tales are entered under **Romances**.

Used for Romantic suspense novels

**BT Suspense fiction**

**RT Erotic fiction**

**Gothic fiction**

**Love stories**

Romantic suspense novels

Use **Romantic suspense fiction**

Rural comedies

Use **Pastoral drama**

**Pastoral fiction**

Rural poetry

Use **Pastoral poetry**

**Science fiction**

Use for works of fantasy that deal with possible though not necessarily probable events and are based approximately on scientific principles, e.g., space travel, time travel, etc. Use also for works in which mankind confronts alien cultures or environments. For works that deal with non-existent, incredible, or unreal worlds, characters, and physical principles, use **Fantasy fiction**.

Used for Apocalyptic fantasies

End-of-the-world fantasies

Fiction, Science

Space flight (Fiction)

Time travel (Fiction)

**NT Voyages, Imaginary**

**RT Fantasy fiction**

**Science fiction comic books, strips, etc.**

**BT Comic books, strips, etc.**

**Science fiction films**

Also consult *LCSH* for particular kinds of science fiction films: e.g., **Star Trek films**.

**RT Fantasy films**

**Science fiction plays**

**Science fiction poetry**

**Science fiction radio programs**

RT Fantasy radio programs

**Science fiction television programs**

RT Fantasy television programs

Screenplays

Use **Motion picture plays**

**Television scripts**

**Sea stories**

Use for novels and stories using the sea as a setting or dealing generally with the sea as an environment.

RT **Adventure fiction**

**Short films**

Used for Films, Short

**Short stories**

**Silent films**

Used for Films, Silent

Sitcoms

Use **Comedy television programs**

Situation comedies

Use **Comedy television programs**

Slapstick comedies

Use **Comedies**

**Comedy films**

**Comedy television programs**

Space flight (Fiction)

Use **Science fiction**

**Voyages, Imaginary**

**Spy films**

Used for Espionage films

**BT Adventure films**

**Adventure television programs**

**Suspense films**

RT **Spy television programs**

Spy novels

Use **Spy stories**

**Spy radio programs**

Used for Espionage radio programs

BT Adventure radio programs

Suspense radio programs

**Spy stories**

Use for fiction dealing with espionage, secret agents, and secret service agencies. Writers in this genre include Len Deighton, Ian Fleming, and John Le Carre.

Used for Espionage stories

Spy novels

**BT Suspense fiction**



**RT Romantic suspense fiction**

**Spy television programs**

Used for Espionage television programs

**BT Adventure films**

**Adventure television programs**

**Suspense films**

**Suspense television programs**

**RT Spy films**

**Subterranean voyages**

Use **Voyages, Imaginary**

**Superhero comic books, strips, etc.**

**BT Comic books, strips, etc.**

**Superhero films**

Consult *LCSH* for films with particular superheroes: e.g.,

**Superman films.**

**Superhero radio programs**

**Superhero television programs**

**Suspense fiction**

Use for works whose prime purpose is to produce a feeling of frightened anticipation.

These works may contain secondary elements, espionage, romance, or psychology.

Used for Thrillers

**NT Romantic suspense fiction**

**Spy stories**

**Suspense films**

Used for Thrillers

**NT Spy films**

**Spy television programs**

**Suspense radio programs**

Used for Thrillers

**NT Spy radio programs**

**Suspense television programs**

Used for Thrillers

**NT Spy television programs**

**Swashbucklers**

Use **Adventure fiction**

**Adventure films**

**Adventure radio programs**

**Adventure television programs**

**Tall tales**

Use for tales and short stories as well as novels and novellas (short novels) characterized by bragging and exaggeration of the truth.

**BT Folklore**

**Television comedy programs**

Use **Comedy television programs**

**Television drama**

Use **Television plays**

Television films

Use **Television movies**

Television movies

Used for Made-for-TV movies

Television films

Television novels

Use **Radio and television novels**

**Television plays**

Used for Television drama

**RT Television scripts**

Television programs, Animated

Use **Animated television programs**

**Television scripts**

Used for Screenplays

**RT Television plays**

**Television serials**

Terror tales

Use **Ghost stories**

**Horror fiction**

Thrillers

Use **Adventure fiction**

**Adventure films**

**Adventure radio programs**

**Adventure television programs**

**Mystery fiction**

**Mystery films**

**Mystery radio programs**

**Mystery television programs**

**Suspense fiction**

**Suspense films**

**Suspense radio programs**

**Suspense television films**

Time travel (Fiction)

Use **Fantasy fiction**

**Science fiction**

**Voyages, Imaginary**

**Tragedies**

**Utopian fiction**

Use for works which depict an ideal society. Novels in this genre include H.G. Wells' *Men like gods* and Edward Bellamy's *Looking backward*.

Used for Fiction, Utopian

Utopias

**BT Fantasy fiction**

**RT Dystopias**

Utopias

Use **Utopian fiction**

**Variety films**

**Variety shows (Radio programs)**

**Variety shows (Television programs)**

Verse epistles

Use **Epistolary poetry**

**Voyages, Imaginary**

Used for Imaginary voyages

Space flight (Fiction)

Subterranean voyages

Time travel (Fiction)

Voyages to the moon

**NT Robinsonades**

**BT Fantasy fiction**

**Science fiction**

Voyages to the moon

Use **Voyages, Imaginary**

**War films**

Used for Anti-war films

**BT Historical drama**

**War poetry**

Used for Anti-war poetry

**War radio programs**

**War stories**

Use for stories dealing with wars, campaigns, or battles from the military angle. Do not use for stories dealing with the social aspects of wartime life. For novels belonging to another genre and with a wartime setting, prefer the heading for that genre, e.g., **Adventure fiction, Mystery fiction, etc.**

Used for Anti-war stories

Apocalyptic fantasies

End-of-the-world fantasies

**BT Historical fiction**

**War television programs**

**Western comic books, strips, etc.**

**BT Comic books, strips, etc.**

**Western films**

Consult *LCSH* for particular kinds of western films: e.g., **Hopalong Cassidy films, Lone Ranger films.**

Used for Westerns

BT Adventure films

Adventure television programs

Historical drama

**Western radio programs**

Used for Westerns

**BT Adventure radio programs**

**Historical drama**

**Western stories**

Use for post-19th century works set in the 19th century American West.

Used for Westerns

**BT Adventure fiction**

**Historical fiction**

**Western television programs**

Used for Westerns

**BT Adventure films**

**Adventure television programs**

**Historical drama**

Westerns

Use **Western films**

**Western radio programs**

**Western stories**

**Western television programs**

Whodunits

Use **Mystery fiction**

**Mystery films**

**Mystery plays**

**Mystery radio programs**

**Mystery television programs**