

## CL Quick Guide

# Genre

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**TRADITIONAL LITERATURE:** originated in the stories passed down orally throughout history. It includes folktales (including fairy tales), myths, legends, and epics.\* Find traditional literature in the JUV 398.2's; also look for the folklore, fairy tale, and mythology stickers. Examples:

- *Rumpelstiltskin* retold by Paul O. Zelinsky
- *Ananse and the Lizard: a West Africa Tale* retold by Pat Cummings
- *The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales* told by Virginia Hamilton

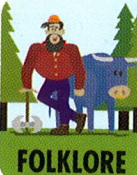
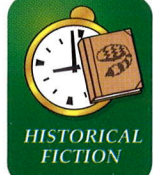
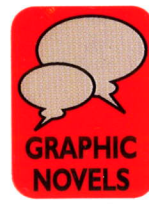
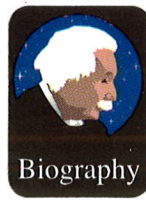
**Tip:** Traditional literature often has elements of fantasy, but no known author; look for the words "retold by" on the cover of the book.

**More Tips:** **POETRY** can be found in the JUV 811's.

**THE TOUHEY COLLECTION OF MULTICULTURAL RESOURCES** features African-American, Latino, and Native American children's books. Touhey books are shelved separately and have a green dot.

**WORDLESS PICTURE BOOKS** can be found using the subject search "stories without words" in the online catalog.

Use these stickers as guides to help you:



**For more information** refer to the following book (several copies are in the Curriculum Library), which has in-depth descriptions and bibliographies for each genre:

Norton, D. E. & Norton, S. E. (2003). *Through the Eyes of a Child: an Introduction to Children's Literature* (6th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Merrill/Prentice Hall.

\*The definitions used for each genre are direct quotes from page 393 of the following:

Fountas, I. C. & Pinnell G. S. (2001). *Guiding Readers and Writing Grades 3-6: Teaching Comprehension, Genre, and Content Literacy*. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.