

Genres in Literature

Genres: Themes or types of literature. The titles following each genre description are a few of the titles in the SDJA Library for all grade levels.

- **Adventure:** A book about an undertaking or enterprise of a hazardous nature.

Traction Man is here! / Grey, Mini.

Basho and the river stones / Myers, Tim

Morris and Boris at the circus / Wiseman, Bernard

The Landry News / Clements, Andrew,

Have you seen Hyacinth Macaw? / Giff, Patricia Reilly.

The outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place / Konigsburg, E. L.

Nothing ever happens on 90th Street / Schotter, Roni

- **Biography:** A book about a person's life

Lives of the Artists / Krull, Kathleen.

Jews in sports / Hoffman, Joseph.

Hank Greenberg / Berkow, Ira.

The journey that saved Curious George / Borden, Louise.

My first book of biographies / Marzollo, Jean.

The heroine of the Titanic / Blos, Joan W.

Abraham Joshua Heschel / Rose, Or N.

Abe Lincoln's hat / Brenner, Martha.

- **Fantasy:** Fiction characterized by highly fanciful or supernatural elements.

Harold at the North Pole / Johnson, Crockett.

Where the wild things are / Sendak, Maurice.

Marvin K. Mooney, will you please go now! / Seuss.

City of light, city of dark / Avi.

The fires of Merlin / Barron, T. A.

The Folk Keeper / Billingsley, Franny.

Goblins in the castle / Coville, Bruce.

Redwall / Jacques, Brian.

Ella enchanted / Levine, Gail Carson.

Peter Pan in Scarlet / McCaughrean, Geraldine.

The moorchild / McGraw, Eloise Jarvis.

Dealing with dragons / Wrede, Patricia C.

Faun & games / Anthony, Piers.

Pawn of prophecy / Eddings, David.

The hero and the crown / McKinley, Robin.

Lirael, daughter of the Clayr / Nix, Garth.

The golden compass / Pullman, Philip.

Mary Poppins / Travers, P. L.

Merlin / Yolen, Jane.

- **Humor:** Things that make people laugh

The children who smelled a rat / Ahlberg, Allan.

Superfudge / Blume, Judy.

Mercy Watson goes for a ride / DiCamillo, Kate.

Owen Foote, super spy / Greene, Stephanie.

The Zucchini Warriors / Korman, Gordon.

Gooney Bird Greene / Lowry, Lois.

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle / MacDonald, Betty Bard.

Clementine / Pennypacker, Sara,

No more dead dogs / Korman, Gordon

- **Historical Fiction:** Creative imagination from historical times

The adventures of Vin Fiz / Cussler, Clive.

Dear Levi / Woodruff, Elvira.

The final solution / Chabon, Michael.

A lesson before dying / Gaines, Ernest J.

The bluest eye / Morrison, Toni.

As a driven leaf / Steinberg, Milton,

- **History: About things in the past**

The DK visual timeline of the 20th century / Adams, Simon.

And Shira imagined / Karmi, Giyora.

Famous builders of California / Dolan, Edward F.

Gary Chalk's Hide & seek in history / Chalk, Gary.

Ancient civilizations /

Hitler Youth / Bartoletti, Susan Campbell.

If you could be my friend / Sha'ban, Mervet Akram.

The 1920s / Hanson, Erica.

The 1930s / Press, Petra.

The 1910s / Uschan, Michael V.

The 1900s / Woog, Adam.

G is for golden / Domeniconi, David.

Heroes / Hazell, Rebecca.

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Links in the chain / Pasachoff, Naomi E.

The American story / Armstrong, Jennifer.

Louis Rose, San Diego's first Jewish settler and entrepreneur /
Harrison, Donald H.

- **Jewish Fiction:** Fiction with Jewish themes

The first gift / Gadot, A. S.

Hanukkah at Valley Forge / Krensky, Stephen.

In God's hands / Kushner, Lawrence.

A grandma like yours / Rosenbaum, Andria Warmflash.

God in between / Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg.

Chanukah on the prairie / Schuman, Burt E.

Alexandra's scroll / Chaikin, Miriam.

Molly's pilgrim / Cohen, Barbara.

My grandmother's stories / Geras, Adèle.

When Mindy saved Hanukkah / Kimmel, Eric A.

Dreams in the golden country / Lasky, Kathryn.

Journey to America / Levitin, Sonia.

The doll with the yellow star / McDonough, Yona Zeldis.

The Butterfly / Polacco, Patricia.

The place where nobody stopped / Segal, Jerry.

All-of-a-kind family / Sidney Taylor.

The remembering box / Clifford, Eth.

The storyteller's beads / Kurtz, Jane.

The travels of Benjamin of Tudela / Shulevitz, Uri.

- **Judaica:** Books relating to Judaism or Jewish culture and religion

Tanakh =

The illustrated Jewish Bible for children / Hastings, Selina.

The Ten commandments for Jewish children / Nerlove, Miriam.

Menorahs, mezuzas, and other Jewish symbols / Chaikin, Miriam.

Jewish holidays all year round / Cooper, Ilene.

Blessed are you / Edwards, Michelle.

Follow the moon : a journey through the Jewish year / Ganz, Yaffa.

Celebrating the Jewish holidays / Kalman, Sharon.

Sharing blessings / Musleah, Rahel.

Yiddishe kop / Bonder, Nilton.

Living Judaism / Dosick, Wayne D.

The Jewish primer / Himelstein, Shmuel.

To life! / Kushner, Harold S.

- **Poetry:** The art of a writer. It's a piece of literature written in verses. Poetry is funny, serious and exciting.

Eric Carle's animals, animals / Carle, Eric.

If you're not here, please raise your hand / Dakos, Kalli.

The story goes on / Fisher, Aileen Lucia.

Bing bang boing / Florian, Douglas.

Good dog / Gottfried, Maya.

The llama who had no pajama / Hoberman, Mary Ann.

Poems for Jewish holidays / Livingston, Myra.

The new kid on the block / Prelutsky, Jack.

The best of Michael Rosen / Rosen, Michael.

Runny Babbit / Silverstein, Shel.

- **Reference:** A book that gives you information about a topic

Scholastic book of lists / Buckley, James.

Favorite Greek myths / Osborne, Mary Pope.

Janice VanCleave's rocks and minerals / VanCleave, Janice Pratt.

Macmillan children's guide to dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals/ Whitfield, Philip.

The kids' invention book / Erlbach, Arlene.

The Jewish kids catalog / Burstein, Chaya M.

Biography today. Profiles of people of interest to young readers.

Smithsonian timelines of the ancient world /

Scholastic encyclopedia of the North American Indian / Ciment, James.

The United States of America / Miller, Millie.

National Geographic picture atlas of our fifty States / National Geographic Book

The 2007 World Book encyclopedia.

The American Heritage children's dictionary /

The American heritage first dictionary /

- **Science Fiction:** A literary genre in which fantasy, typically based on speculative scientific discoveries or developments, environmental changes, space travel, or life on other planets forms part of the plot or background

Aliens ate my homework / Coville, Bruce.

Among the hidden / Haddix, Margaret Peterson.

Commander Toad and the voyage home / Yolen, Jane.

The ear, the eye, and the arm / Farmer, Nancy.

Ender's game / Card, Orson Scott.

Feed / Anderson, M. T.

The girl with the silver eyes / Roberts, Willo Davis.

The hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy / Adams, Douglas.

Things not seen / Clements, Andrew.

The time machine. / Wells, H. G.

A wrinkle in time / L'Engle, Madeleine.

- **Sports:** Physical activities that are governed by a set of rules or customs and often engaged in competitively. Books about different sports heroes, teams and leagues from all different sports

Beginning soccer / Jensen, Julie.

Extreme sports / Platt, Richard.

Football / Stewart, Mark.

Fundamental basketball / Klinzing, James E.

Jewish sports legends / Siegman, Joseph.

Jews in sports / Hoffman, Joseph.

Karate / Gutman, Bill.

Skateboarding / Kelley, K. C.

Winners never quit! / Hamm, Mia.