

## Identifying Genre and Subgenre

**Directions:** Read the descriptions of the texts. Look for details that reveal the genre. Write the genre and subgenre on the lines and write a sentence explaining your answer.

### 1. The Perfect Shot by Elaine Marie Alphin

In this novel, Brian's girlfriend, Amanda; her sister; and their mother are shot to death in their garage. The girls' father is put on trial for the crime. On the day of the murders, however, Brian saw something that he thinks might affect the case. The story is told in flashbacks as he struggles for his life after being shot—as readers will suspect—by the true killer. Brian must also cope with pressure from his father to excel in basketball, and with his overwhelming grief over Amanda's death.

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Explain your Answer

### 2. An Audience for Einstein by Mark Wakely

Professor Percival Marlowe is a brilliant astrophysicist who's dying, his greatest achievement still unfinished and now beyond his diminished means. Doctor Carl Dorning, a neurosurgeon, discovers a secret method of transplanting memories from one person to another using advanced technology. Miguel Sanchez, a homeless boy, agrees to become the recipient of Marlowe's knowledge and personality in this experiment, enticed by Dorning's promises of intelligence, wealth and respect, but unaware that his own identity will be lost forever. What results is a seesaw battle for control of Miguel's body.

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Explain your Answer

### 3. Fractions by Sara Pistoia

This workbook text explains fractions, what they are, and how to use them.

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Explain your Answer

### 4. "Antlers" adapted by Heather Forest

Very short story of a buck (male deer) who was admiring his horns and feeling bad about his skinny legs. When a hunter came to shoot him, his big horns got stuck in some tree branches, but his skinny legs managed to pull him free. The moral of the story is that what is truly valuable is often unappreciated.

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Explain your Answer

5. The Takers (Oz Chronicles, Book 1) by R.W. Ridley

Never say their name! If you do, they will find you! If they find you, they will eat you! Thirteen-year-old Oz Griffin knows it's his fault that the Takers are eating everyone in sight. He also knows that a comic book written by a neighborhood boy is the key to defeating them. But every time he and his band of survivors try to read the comic book, the Takers draw closer. Can they get to the end of the story before the Takers devour them?

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Explain your Answer

6. Dealing with the Stuff That Makes Life Tough : The 10 Things That Stress Teen Girls Out and How to Cope with Them by Jill Zimmerman Rutledge

"Dr. Jill" gives prescriptions for dealing with difficult situations. The chapters address relationships, drug addiction, stress, body image, parental divorce, insomnia, bullies, and the author offers several scenarios based on her years of experience as a psychotherapist. Every chapter encourages readers to find ways to respect themselves. The author admits that some situations are complicated and offers realistic solutions.

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7. A House Divided-A Novel of the Civil War by Elizabeth Massie

By April 1863 the Civil War has been raging for two years. On their sleepy farm in Gettysburg, sixteen-year-old twins Susanne and Stephen are alarmed by news that Confederate forces under General Robert E. Lee are threatening to invade the North for a strike at Washington, D.C.! Frustrated with farm life and itching for action, Stephen runs away to join the fight. But little do they know that forces are converging on a small town for a battle that may determine the outcome of the war—a town called Gettysburg.

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8. "Rapunzel" adapted by Adler and Robin Books

Once upon a time a young girl named Rapunzel was running an errand for her mother when an evil witch caught her and imprisoned her in the tower of a castle. After years in the tower, Rapunzel grows long, beautiful hair. Rapunzel is very lonely, having seen nobody but the evil witch her whole life, until one day a prince wanders by and climbs up Rapunzel's hair. Action ensues, but eventually the prince and Rapunzel live happily every after.

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