



Genre Wrap Up

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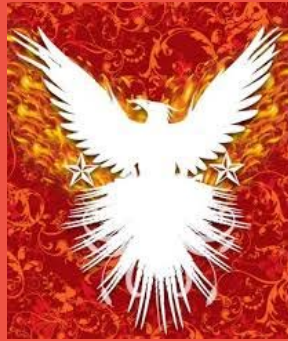
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- Be an Expert on the Top Genres (2/17/17)
- Top Genre Challenge (4/11/17)





CHRISTIAN FICTION



Christian Fiction = Values

Characteristics

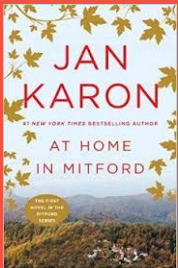
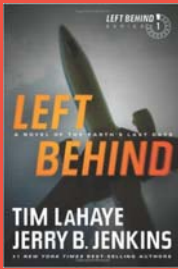
- Promote a Christian worldview
- Good triumphs over evil
- Often focus particular theme relevant to Christianity

Fan Popularity

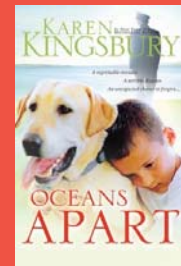
- Validation of Christian life
- Offer guidance
- Journeys of faith offer hope
- Model characters offer inspiration and motivation
- “Safe” books



Must Know Authors



- Tim LaHaye
- Jan Karon
- Beverly Lewis
- Karen Kingsbury
- Janette Oke



Current Trends

- More mainstream appeal
- Cross genre-blending
- CF authors trying other genres
- Fewer stories with heavy spiritual content
- Increasing number of titles self-published or by hybrid publishers
- Greater diversity in storylines, settings and time periods
- Biblical fiction rising popularity
- Increased titles about end-times
- Coverage of difficult contemporary social issues
- Movie tie-ins
- Inspirational science fiction, fantasy, romance, cozy mysteries and thrillers popular
- Continued popularity of “bonnet” fiction



How can I help Christian fiction readers?

- Ask if readers want a more conservative or liberal Christianity viewpoint
- Ask whether they want books that offer a literal interpretation of scripture
- Ask if they want a “gentle” read
- Ask if they want titles that are explicitly evangelical or more allegorical
- Assume nothing about beliefs or preferences





WESTERNS



Westerns = Adventure

Characteristics

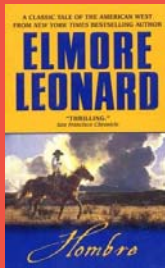
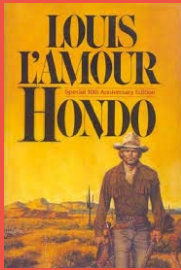
- Set in the Western United States from the end of Civil War to beginning of the 20th century
- Mythic feel of Old West takes precedence over accuracy
 - Detailed and often treacherous landscapes
 - Mournful tones
 - Morality play



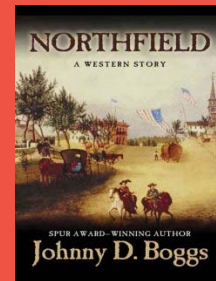
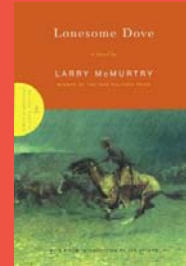
Fan Popularity

- Deep-seated connection with land and men who conquered the wilderness
- Appreciate descriptive landscape and action-filled adventures
- Like emotionally satisfying endings in which bad are punished and good are rewarded
- Feel as if actually in that time and place
- Like romantic, nostalgic tone

Must Know Authors



- Louis L'Amour
- Elmore Leonard
- Larry McMurtry
- Johnny D. Boggs
- Loren D. Estleman



Current Trends

- Traditional westerns still popular
- Modern offer updated perspectives with more diverse, nuanced characters
- Cross-over appeal among fans of historical fiction, fantasy, science fiction, horror and romance
- Increasing number of female authors



How can I help readers of Westerns?

- Ask readers if looking for another traditional western. a western story set in the modern day, one that focuses on Native Americans, or adult western with a much sexier storyline.
- Use classic western themes from movies and television to make connections
- See if more interested in Native American experience
- Recommend timeless, reprinted titles
- Look for genre crossovers





HORROR



Horror = Fear

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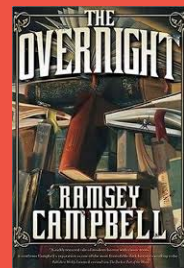
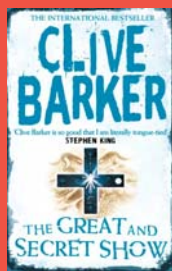
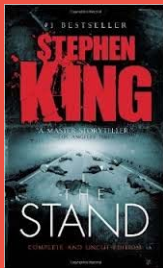
- Feature nightmares come to life
- Monsters can be human, inhuman, and psychological
- Surprise a key element
- Evil beaten down, but never destroyed completely

Fan Popularity

- Love the chills produced
- Expect to be scared
- Drawn to intensity created by disturbing images and violence
- Like worlds out of control
- Can face worst fears in safe environment



Must Know Authors



- Stephen King
- Clive Barker
- Ramsey Campbell
- Dean Koontz
- Robert McCammon



Current Trends

- “Weird Fiction”
 - Blends occult, supernatural, mythical and even scientific elements
- Comic Horror
- Blending with other genres
- Greater prominence of women horror writers
- Diverse formats—pulp paperbacks, audiobooks, graphic novels



How can I help horror readers?

- May want to read about a particular subject -- zombies or haunted houses
- May want to read everything by favorite authors
- May want to read across the genre, searching for particular tone or storyline that satisfies

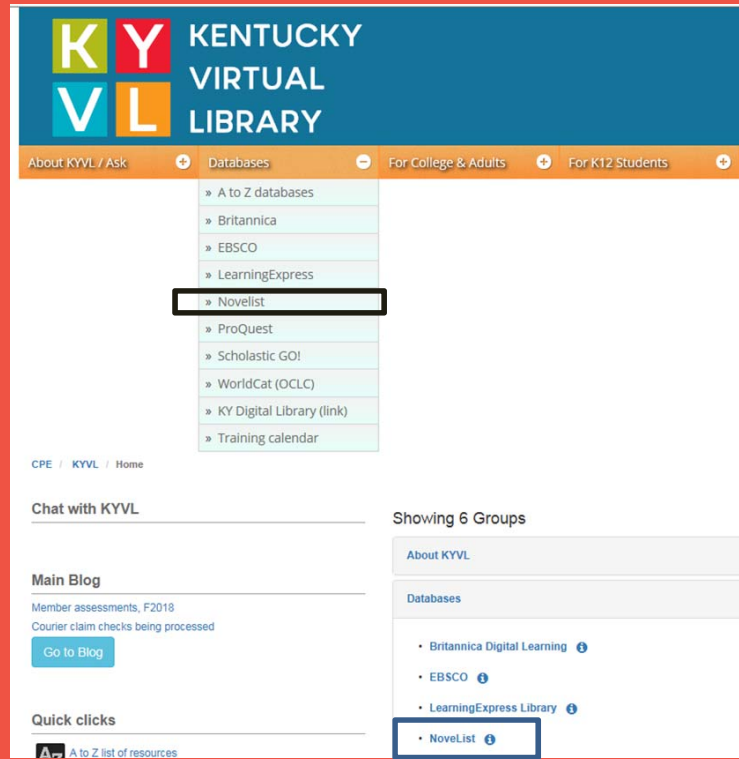


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CONCLUSION



KYVL's NoveList



The screenshot shows the KYVL (Kentucky Virtual Library) website interface. At the top, the logo consists of the letters 'K', 'Y', 'V', and 'L' in colored squares, followed by the text 'KENTUCKY VIRTUAL LIBRARY'. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for 'About KYVL / Ask', 'Databases', 'For College & Adults', and 'For K12 Students'. The 'Databases' menu is expanded, showing a list of options: 'A to Z databases', 'Britannica', 'EBSCO', 'LearningExpress', 'NoveList' (highlighted with a black box), 'ProQuest', 'Scholastic GO!', 'WorldCat (OCLC)', 'KY Digital Library (link)', and 'Training calendar'. Below the navigation bar, there are sections for 'Chat with KYVL', 'Main Blog' (with a 'Go to Blog' button), and 'Quick clicks'. On the right side, there is a 'Showing 6 Groups' section with a list of databases: 'Britannica Digital Learning', 'EBSCO', 'LearningExpress Library', and 'NoveList' (highlighted with a blue box). At the bottom left of the screenshot, there is a small icon of a bookshelf with three books. At the bottom right, there is a 'MyFreePPT' logo.

The screenshot shows the NoveList website interface with several red annotations:

- Navigation Bar:** A red box highlights the "Especially For" dropdown menu, which includes "Readers' Advisory" and "Working With Youth".
- Search Bar:** A red box highlights the search input field containing the text "book. Ex. Japan 1930 women" and the "Search" button.
- Recommended Reads Lists:** A red box highlights the "Recommended Reads Lists" sidebar, which includes categories like "Adult", "Teen", "Ages 9-12", and "Ages 0-8", along with various genre links such as "Best of 2016: Fiction", "Canadian Fiction", "Fantasy", etc.
- Mood-based Recommendations:** A red box highlights the "I'm in the mood for books that are..." section, which features tabs for "Romantic and Lush", "Moving and Sympathetic", "Unconventional and Haunting", and "Bleak and Brooding". Below this, five book covers are displayed: "A Taste of Honey", "In Another Life", "Goddess of Fire", "The Gilded Life of Matilda Duplaine", and "Briar Queen".
- Browse Genres:** A red box highlights the "Browse Genres" section, which displays a grid of book covers categorized by age group: "For Adults", "For Teens", "For Ages 9-12", and "For Ages 0-8".

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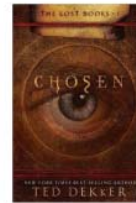
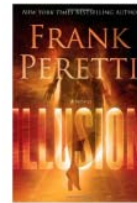
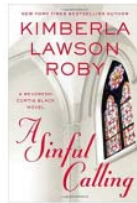
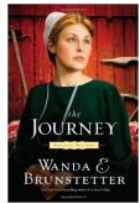


Novelist Genres: A Guide to Genres and Book Discovery

<https://help.ebsco.com/@api/deki/files/3162/GenreGuide-2017.pdf>

Christian

Christian fiction, also known as Inspirational fiction, is written from a Christian worldview. Across all these subgenres, readers will find popular Christian themes of forgiveness, grace, redemption, and the triumph of good over evil.



Christian fiction

An umbrella genre including a variety of titles reflecting a Christian worldview. Characters confront challenges and everyday issues by turning to their faith and religious communities for support and guidance.

● ADULTS ● TEENS ● AGES 9-12

Christian adventure stories

These books combine the action-packed, plot-driven narratives of adventure stories with a Christian perspective.

● ADULTS ● TEENS ● AGES 9-12

Christian apocalyptic fiction

Titles in this genre imagine the end of the world as interpreted through a Christian lens. Books may invoke the Antichrist, the rapture, or the final battle between good and evil.

● ADULTS ● TEENS

Christian fantasy

Works of fantasy fiction that reflect some part of the Christian perspective through symbolism or allegory.

● ADULTS ● TEENS ● AGES 9-12

Christian historical fiction

This genre offers historical fiction with a strong sense

Christian romances

These romances demonstrate that a strong relationship with God is an essential component of true love. Couples often undertake a journey of spiritual growth before building a future together.

● ADULTS

Christian romantic suspense

The protagonists in these stories encounter situations designed to test their faith but rely on Christian teachings and values to survive and prevail against evil.

● ADULTS

Christian science fiction

Exploration of science fiction elements -- such as other planets and alien cultures -- serves to expand the role that God plays in the universe and his plan for all living things.

● ADULTS ● TEENS ● AGES 9-12

Christian suspense

In these tense stories, characters face dangerous situations and derive their strength and endurance through their faith.

● ADULTS ● TEENS

Christian urban fiction

In this genre, characters contend with real-

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Articles and Reviews

- *Library Journal*
- *Booklist*
- *Library Trends*
- *Kirkus Reviews*
- *Publishers Weekly*
- *School Library Journal*



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