

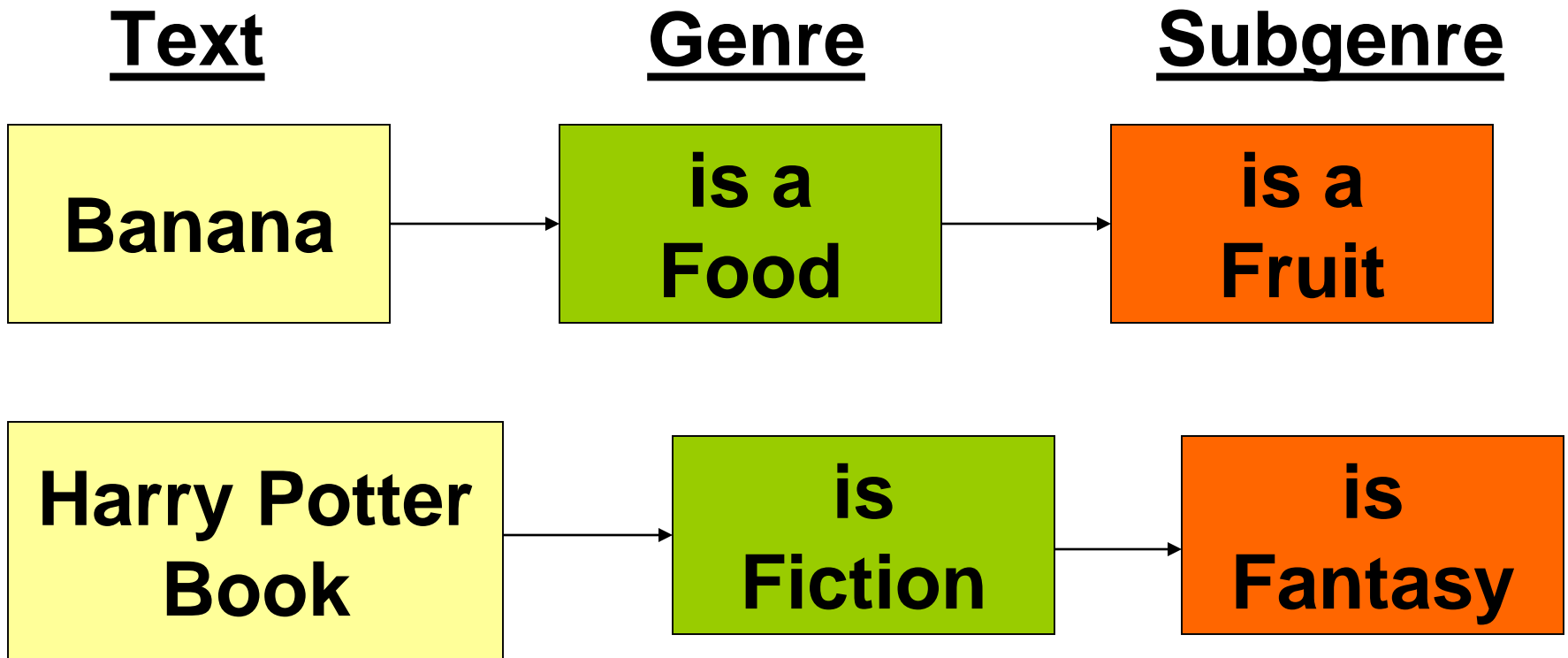
Genres and Subgenres

Classifying Stories



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Texts can be separated into groups called genres and subgenres.



Genres

Fiction: creative or imaginative writing.

Nonfiction: writing that is true or factual.

Folklore: stories once passed down orally.

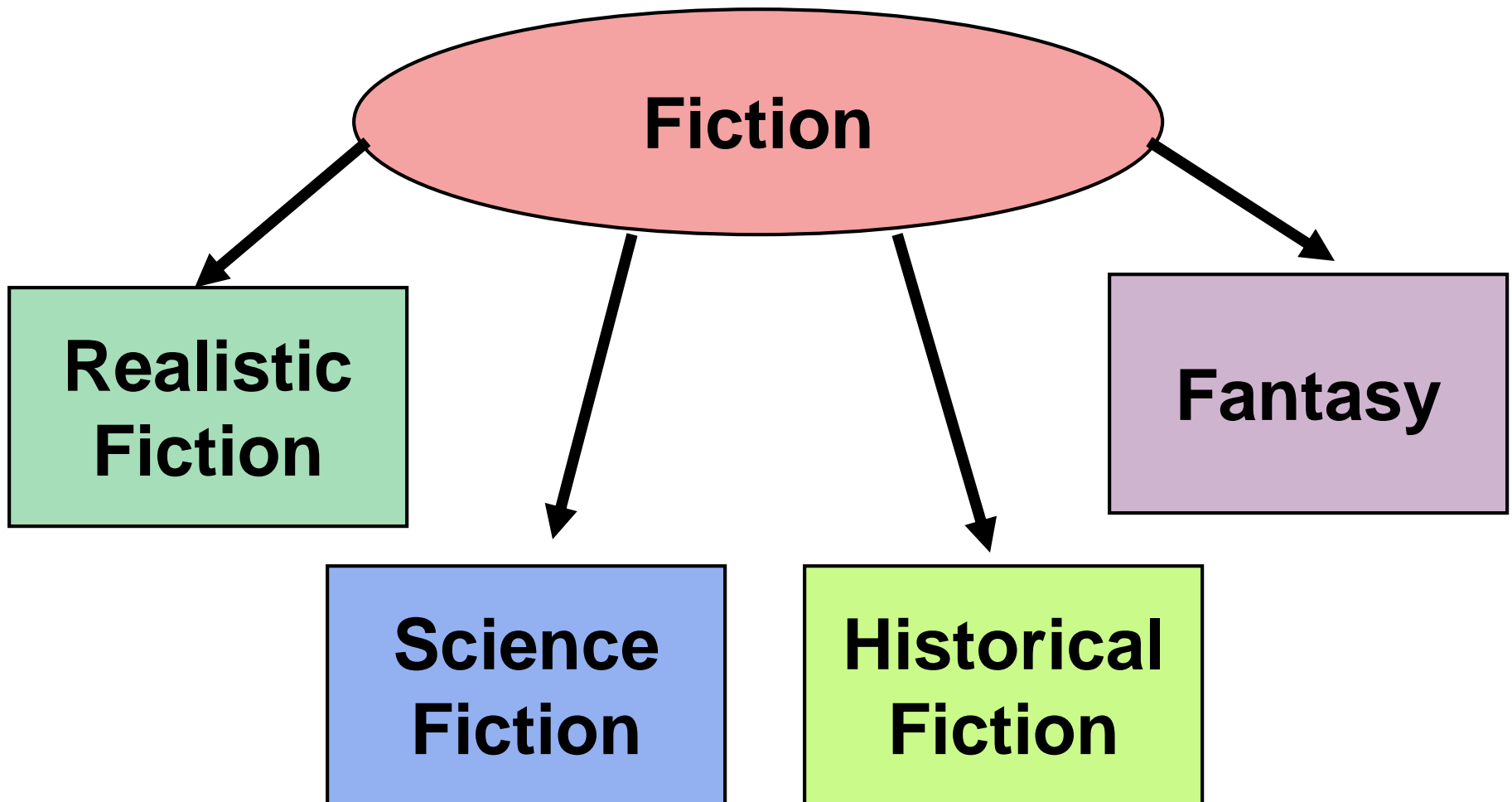
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Dramas: plays or scripts.

Poetry: writing concerned with the beauty of language.

We will focus on the first three.

Fiction Subgenres



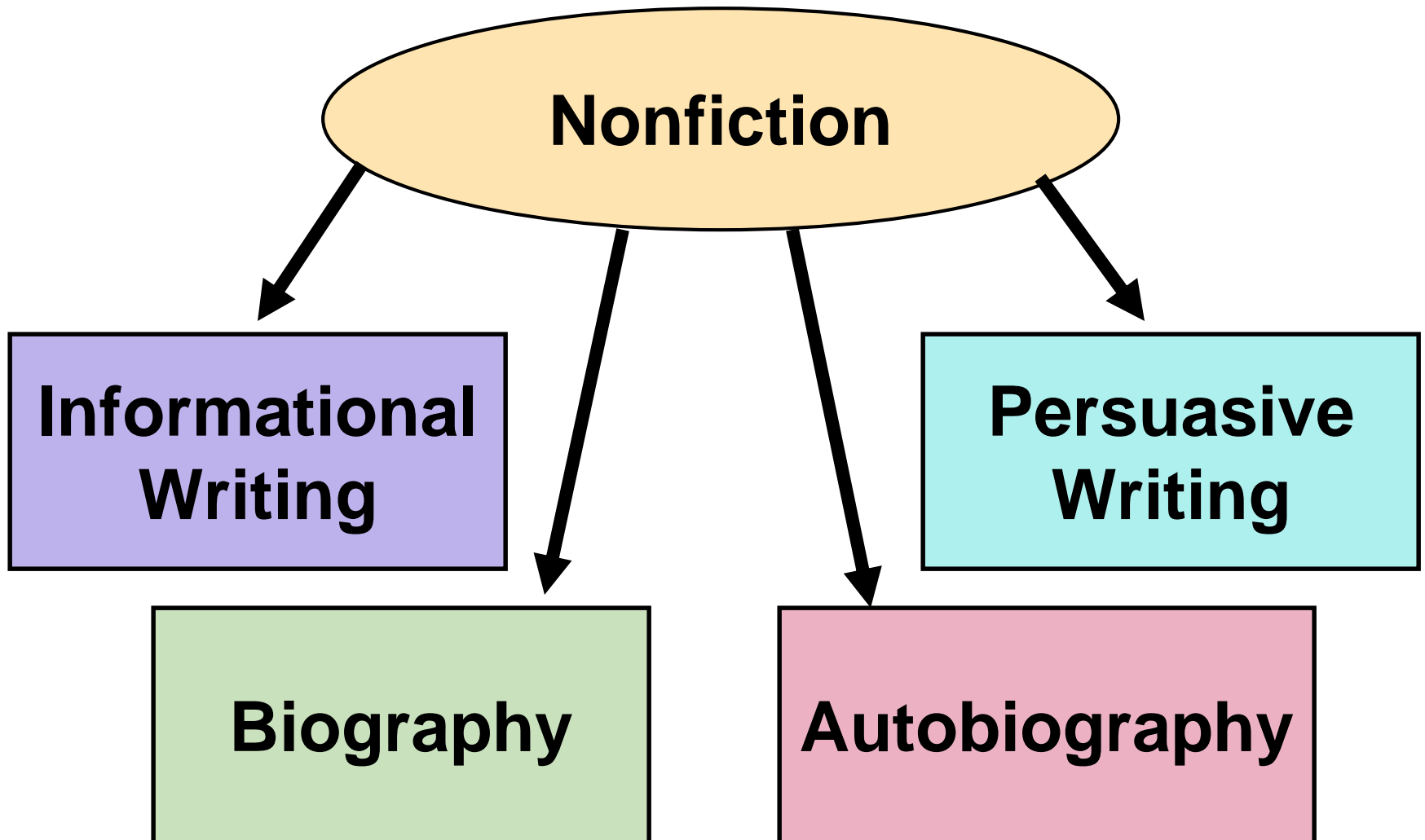
Realistic Fiction: stories that could be true, but aren't.

Science Fiction: has aliens, advanced technology, or is set in the future.

Historical Fiction: a made up story set around a real event or person from history.

Fantasy: has monsters, magic, or super powers.

Nonfiction Subgenres



Informational Writing: provides facts or information.

Autobiography: one's life story written by oneself.

Auto = Self

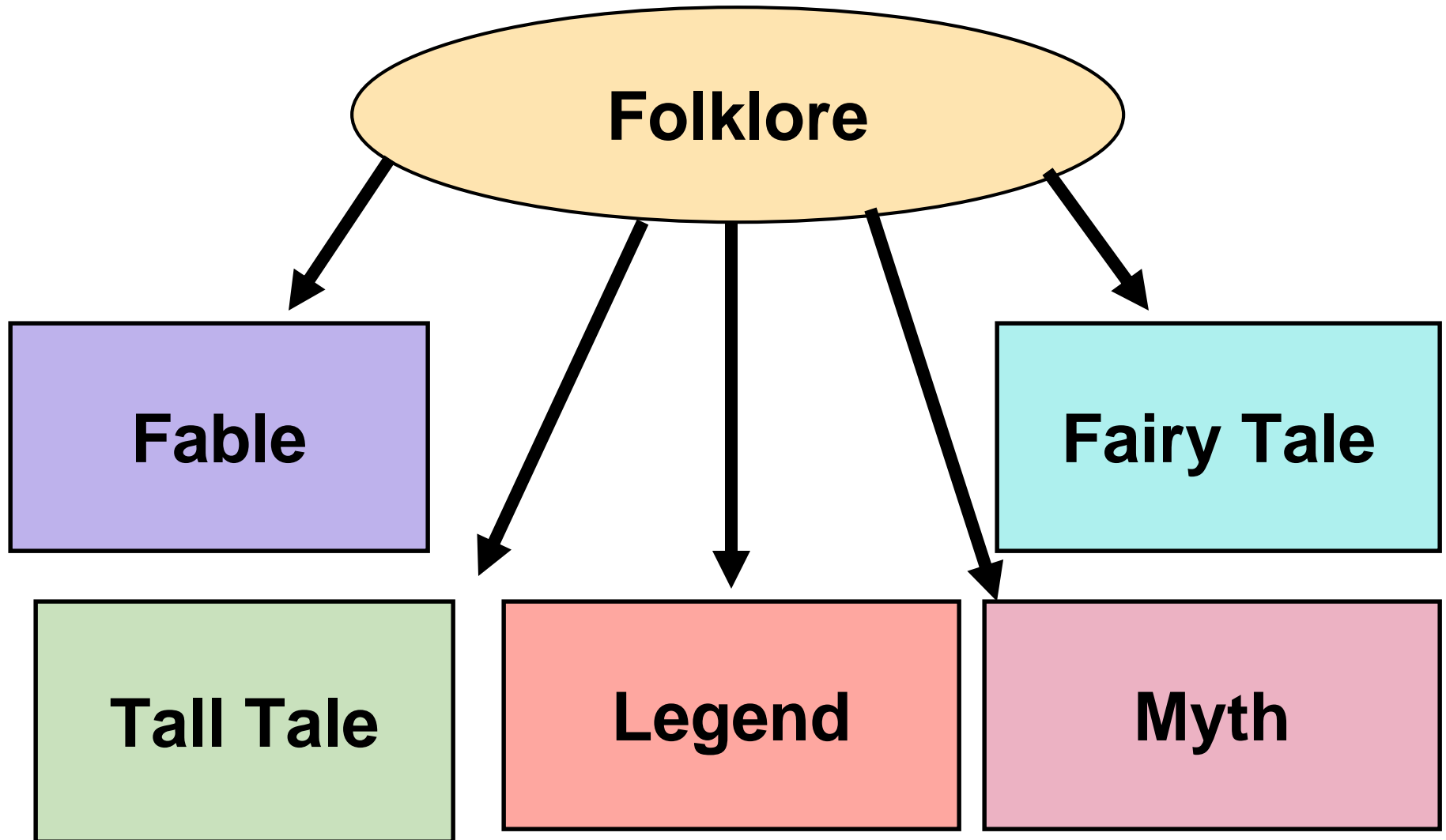
Bio = Life

Graphy= Writing

Biography: one's life story written by someone else.

Persuasive Writing: meant to influence the reader.

Folklore Subgenres



Fable: short story with talking animals & a moral.

Moral: lesson of the story (clearly stated).

Myth: has gods & goddesses; may account for the creation of something.

Tall Tale: Funny story set in the Wild West; main character's size or skill exaggerated.

Fairy Tale: has magic and/or talking animals.

Legend: a story that might be true, but is exaggerated.

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Fairytales & Fantasies

Both have monsters, magic, or talking animals.

What's the difference?

- **Fairytales are part of the oral tradition.**
- Usually it will say “retold by” or “adapted by.”
- Fairytales often start “Once Upon a Time.”

Tips for Identifying

1. Find the main genre first

1. Look for details that reveal subgenre

1

The Lion and the Mouse

Retold by Larry Raney

A Lion was sleeping when a Mouse woke him. The Lion was about to eat him when the Mouse said, "Let me go and I won't forget it. Who knows? Maybe I'll help you some day." The Lion laughed so much at this idea that he let the mouse go. Some time later the Lion was caught in a hunter's trap. The little Mouse happened to pass by and, seeing the trapped Lion, he gnawed through the ropes and freed him. *Little friends can be a big help.*

2

Brides of War

By Gloria Mallon

1942, as World War II is raging, three young ladies fall in love with three very different soldiers. These odd couples wind up on a triple date off-base one night. This seemingly romantic evening explodes into a situation that could make or break the allied war effort.

3

The Many Adventures of Robin Hood

Adapted by Kirk Young

In this work, Young retells the many folktales concerning the mythical Robin Hood, who may have been a real person. In these adventures Robin Hood steals from the rich and gives to the poor in fascinatingly dashing ways. These tales have captured the imaginations of millions of delighted readers through the ages.

4

The Awesome Book of Sharks

by Carrie Ann Powers

This book offers rare insights into the deep-sea lives of one of nature's deadliest, yet most misunderstood, killing machines. Learn where sharks live, what they eat, and how they bear their young. This book gives readers an up-close view of a shark's life.

5

Escape From Space Base 8

by Mark Pound

The oxygen supplies on Space Base 8 are dwindling and the meteor shield is running out of energy. Can Captain Curt and his small crew of ragtag rebels retrieve the much needed supplies from Space Base 7 before it's too late? Find out in this exciting space adventure.

6

On Short Time: Personal Memoirs

by Eric Arugla

Our world is not often built with short people in mind. In this collection of real-life stories, Mr. Arugla, a person whom by some measures is considered the smallest man in the world, tells the stories of his trials and triumphs navigating through a world that was just not built for him.

7

Pecos Bill

by Sarah Mills

Mills retells the adventures of one of the most celebrated figures from the Wild West. Raised by a pack of coyotes, Bill goes on to become the toughest cowboy in the world, using a rattlesnake as a lasso, riding a mountain lion, and eating dynamite. You won't believe these stories!

Celestial Event

by Michelle Walton

The story of Mae Puffin and her vampire love, Bob Sharpe. The novel explores Mae's choice between her love for Bob and her friendship with mummy Daniel Red, who harbors great feelings for Mae but is afraid to express himself because he believes that the curse of the mummy extends to love life as well.

9

Perseus: Crackin' the Kraken

Adapted by Saul Walkman

Perseus, the son of Zeus, is about to receive the ultimate test: to save his village he must slay the snake-haired monster Medusa, who is so horrifying that looking at her will turn you into stone. Not only that, but somebody let out the Kraken, a gigantic monster from the sea. Can Perseus defeat the undefeatable and save his town?

10

A History of the United States for People by Harold Zapp

Zapp tells the untold history of the United States by focusing on the unrepresented minority groups: women, Native Americans, and African Americans. Using rare documents from the deepest archives of American history, Zapp provides a wealth of interesting information and brings readers to some stunning conclusions.