

# READING GENRES

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- Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
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- Features advanced technology or technology that has not been invented, such as time machines, space colonies, and androids.

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Mara was exhausted. She had worked on the transporter for hours, and she still could not get it to work. "Hot chocolate with whipped cream," she said to the control panel in her room. Within seconds, the steaming mug appeared.

**Titles you may know:**

- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
- Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

**Fantasy**  
A story that could not happen in real life.

**Tips:**

- May take place in the real world (Shant Iffra) or in a made up land (Narnia).
- There may be talking animals, fairies, wizards, and other mythical creatures as well as magic.
- Plots are often focused around good vs. evil.

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**Titles you may know:**

- Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling
- The Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum
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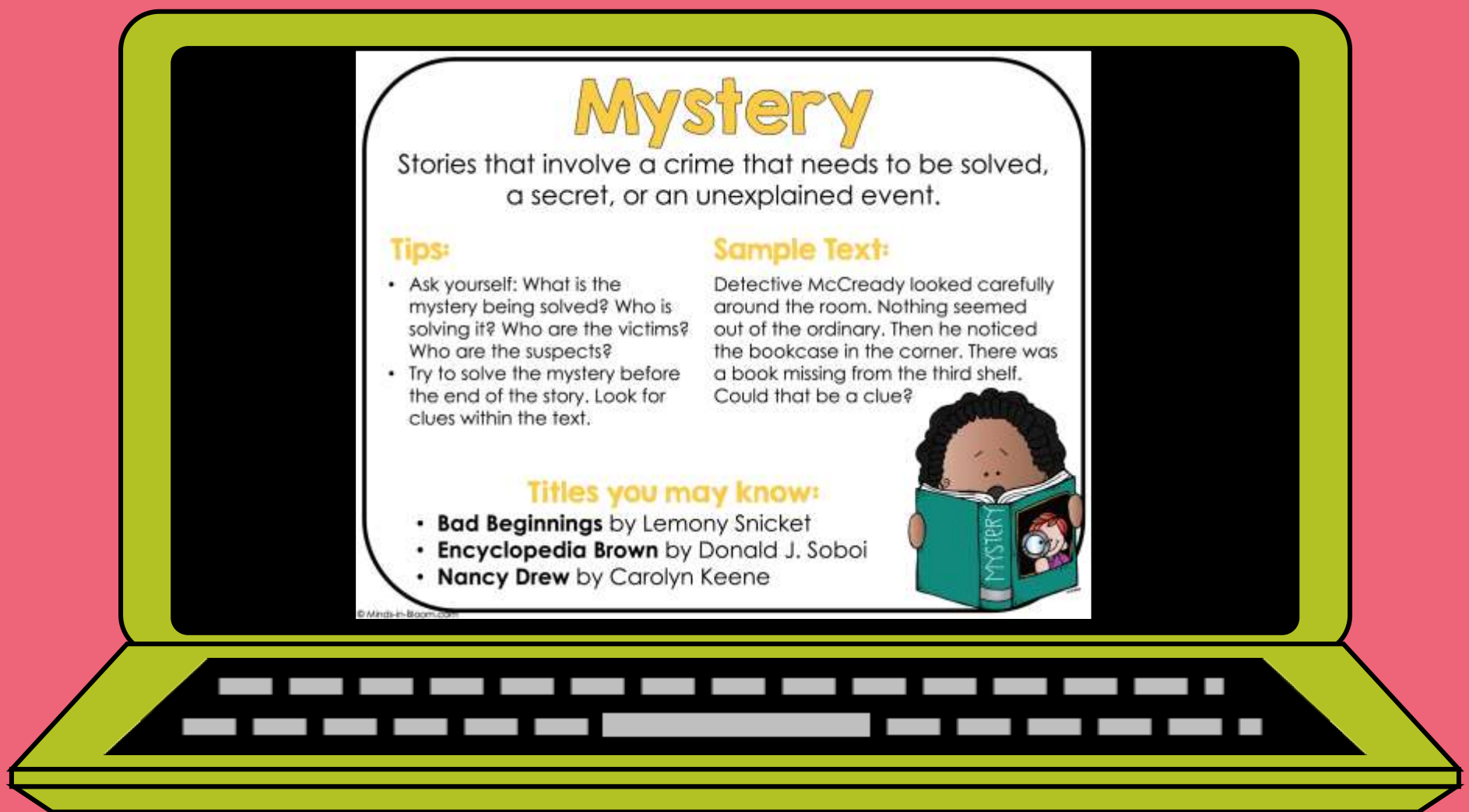
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