

# Becky's Favorite Free Genre Resources

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Writers Associations: The writers of the genres know the genre best. Also they all give out awards. Please note, RWA has been removed for Romance [1/20].

- Adrenaline Genres: <http://thrillerwriters.org>
- Mystery Writers of America: <https://mysterywriters.org>
- Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America: <http://www.sfwaworld.org>
- Horror Writers Association: <http://horror.org>
- Historical Novel Society: <http://historicalnovelsociety.org/>
- Western Writers of America: <http://westernwriters.org>

## Multi-Genre Resources:

- [Free genre training webinars via LibraryReads and NoveList](#)
- [Diversify Your RA with this list of diverse books \[out now and upcoming\] sorted by genre](#). List owned by Anna Mickleson although she invites additions.
- [RUSA CODES Reading List](#): Annual list of the best titles for libraries by genre, with honorable mention and readalikes for the winners.
- [Book Riot](#): Not only do they have sections for the major genres, they also regularly post lists in genres, subgenres, trending genres....basically everything you need to stay up to date. And they require their authors make their lists inclusive to a minimum 30% diversity requirement, so you can be sure to have diverse lists of quality titles.
- Goodreads: <https://www.goodreads.com>
  - Genre awards
  - Reader defined genres [see examples below]
  - [More personalized results](#)
- [Using Awards Lists as a RA Tool](#)

## Specific Genre Resources:

### **Thriller, Suspense, and Adventure [Adrenaline Genres]:**

- Criminal Element: <http://www.criminalelement.com/>
  - a blog with stories, reviews and more. Updated daily
- International Thriller Writers: <http://thrillerwriters.org/>
  - represents all areas of Adrenaline
- CrimeReads: <https://crimereads.com>
  - Part of the LitHub family
- Crime Writers of Color: <https://www.crimewritersofcolor.com>

### **Literary fiction:**

- Andrew Carnegie Medal [Fiction and Nonfiction]: <https://www.ala.org/rusa/awards/carnegie-medals/2022-winners>
- Book club resources: <http://raforall.blogspot.com/2013/02/streamlining-my-book-discussion.html>
- New York Times Books Coverage: <https://www.nytimes.com/section/books>
- NPR Books Coverage: <https://www.npr.org/books/>
  - They cover more than literary fiction [lots of genre fiction too], but often, if they cover it people think it is more “literary.”

- Literary Hub: <https://lithub.com>
  - “The best of the literary internet”

### **Mystery:**

- Stop You’re Killing Me: <http://www.stopyourekillingme.com/>
- The Rap Sheet: <http://therapsheet.blogspot.com>
  - Right gutter lists many more resources
- Crime Writers of Color: <https://www.crimewritersofcolor.com>
- See Adrenaline resources above

### **Science Fiction:**

- Locus Magazine Online: <http://www.locusmag.com/>
- Tor.com: [Tor.com](http://tor.com)

### **Psychological Suspense**

- Google search for “[psychological suspense books](#)”
- Goodreads: <https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/psychological-suspense>

### **Romance:**

- All About Romance: Reviews and Heat Index: <https://allaboutromance.com>
- Smart Bitches, Trashy Books: <http://smartbitchestrashybooks.com/>
- Swoon Awards: <https://www.theswoonawards.com>
- Emma Awards: <https://rsjconvention.com/2021-emma-award-winners-announced/>

### **Gentle Reads:**

- Fans speak on Goodreads: <http://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/gentle-reads>

### **Horror:**

- RA for All: Horror: <http://raforallhorror.blogspot.com/>
- This is Horror: <http://www.thisishorror.co.uk>

### **Fantasy:**

- Locus Magazine Online: <http://www.locusmag.com/>
- Tor.com: [Tor.com](http://tor.com)

### **Historical Fiction:**

- Reading the Past: <http://readingthepast.blogspot.com/>
  - Left gutter has many more choices
- Historical Novel Society: <http://historicalnovelsociety.org/>

### **Westerns:**

- Western Writers of America: <http://westernwriters.org>
- Fans speak on Goodreads, especially as this genre evolves and gets trendy again: <https://www.goodreads.com/genres/westerns>

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