

# Comic book genres

A genre is a style or category of something

The idea is useful as a way of putting things like films, music, books and comics into groups

Comics of the same genre usually have similar things about how they look and are laid out

There are lots of different sorts of genres

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## 1. Humour

These comics are funny. They can be long stories or just tell a joke. Some tell a joke every day



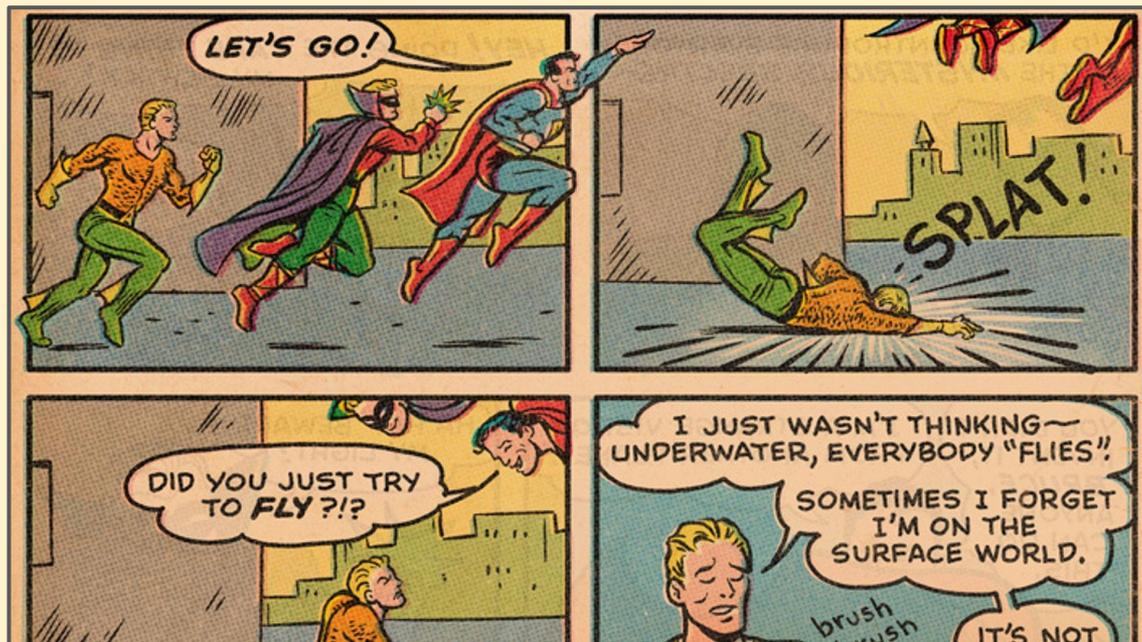
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## 2. Superhero/fantasy/sci-fi/action/mystery

These are one of the biggest genres. They usually tell the sort of a hero and their sidekick or a group of heroes. They can be funny, but

don't have to be

A good story is essential



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## 3. Horror

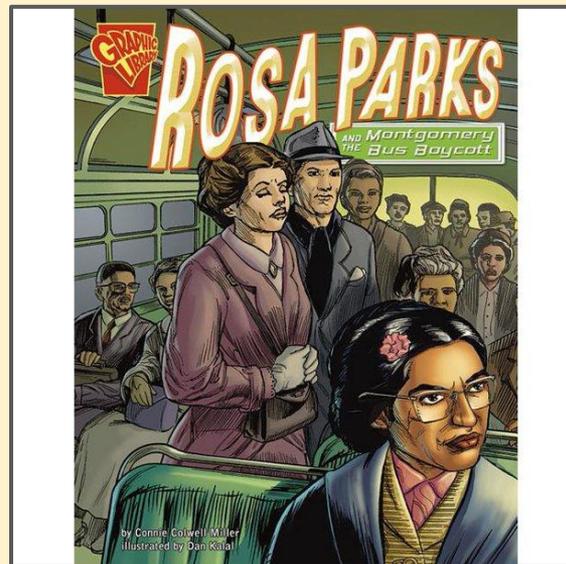
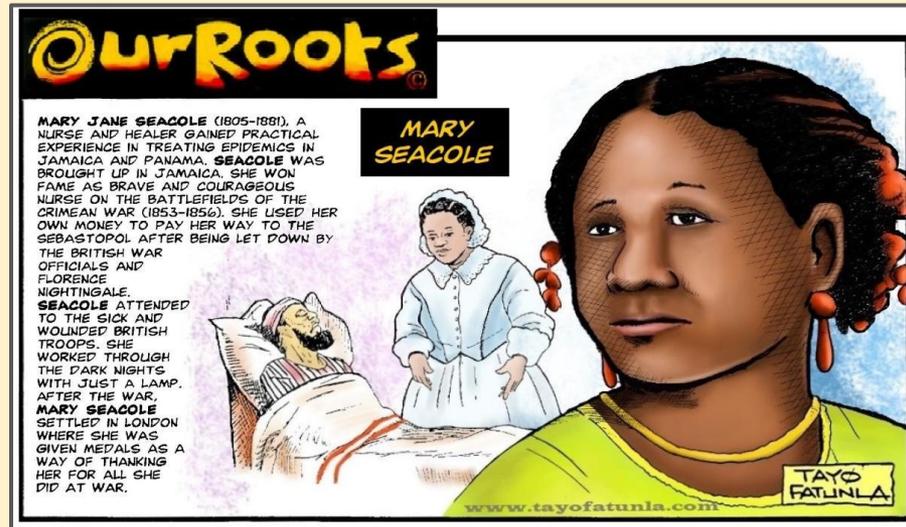
These feature ghosts, zombies and so on. They are dark and tend not to be funny. They often use darker colours



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## 4. Non-fiction

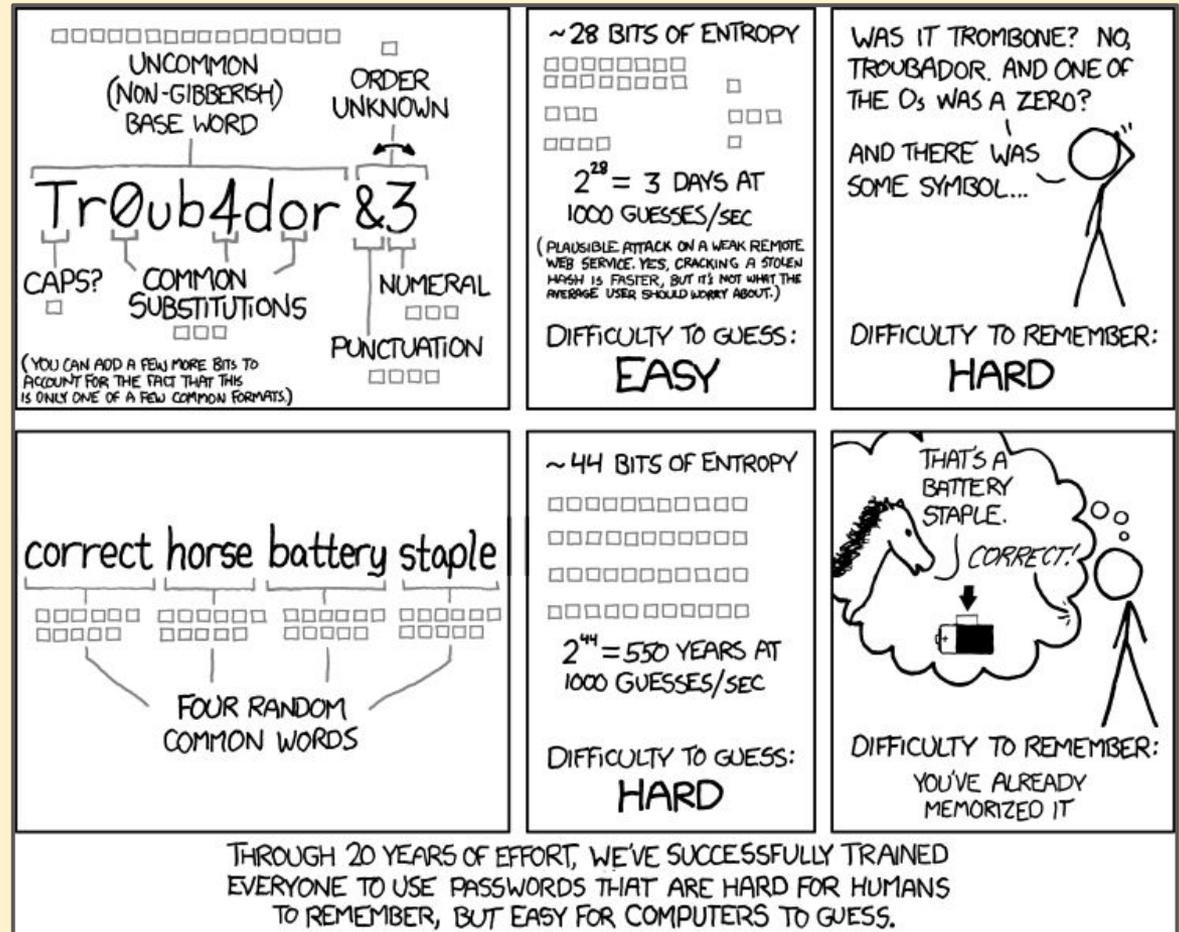
Real life stories about real people or events. Comic books can be a way of encouraging people who don't usually read much to learn about these sorts of stories



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## 5. Educational

Rather than tell a story, comics can be used to inform or educate directly



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## 6. Romance

Love stories are a perfectly valid genre for comic book stories.



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## 7. Web

Traditionally comics appeared in newspapers or in comic books.

Now some comics are only published on the web.

These look a bit different and usually tell shorter stories

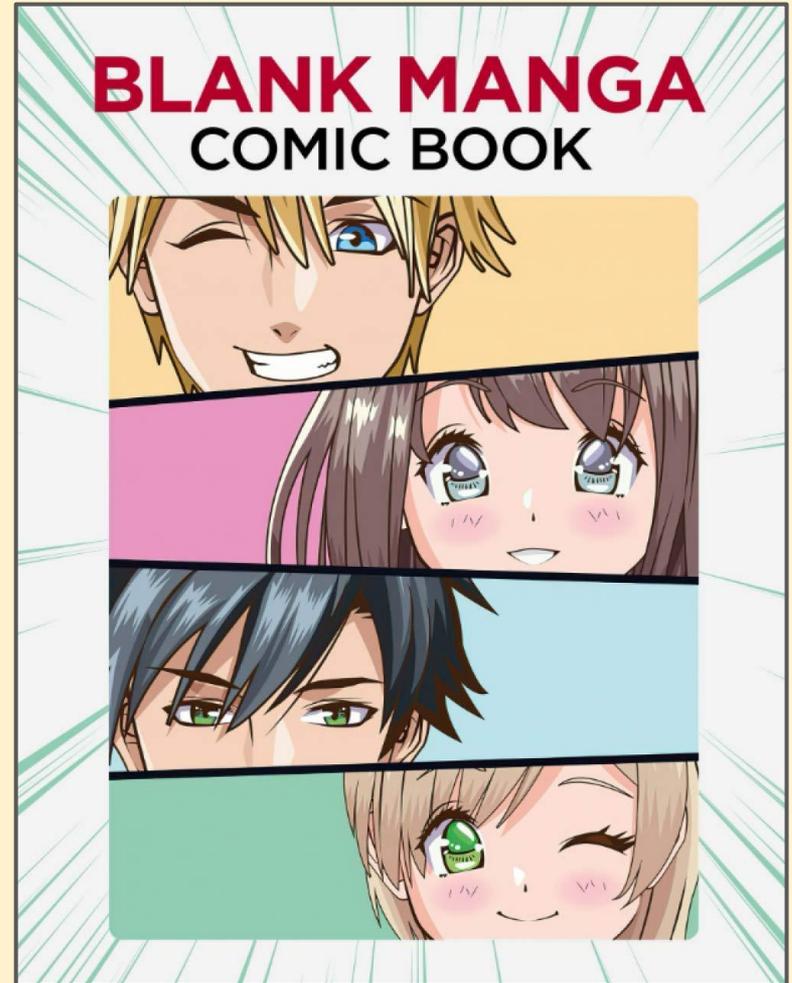


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## 8. Manga

This is a Japanese style of comic book, often with a distinctive visual style. Any type of story can be told within the style

**Anime** is a similar style of animation



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The genre of a comic book can make a difference to the way it looks.

- there are lots of different genres that work with comic books
- some tell longer stories, others are short
- there are **style conventions** associated with different genres