

# Women's Fiction

What Exactly Is It?

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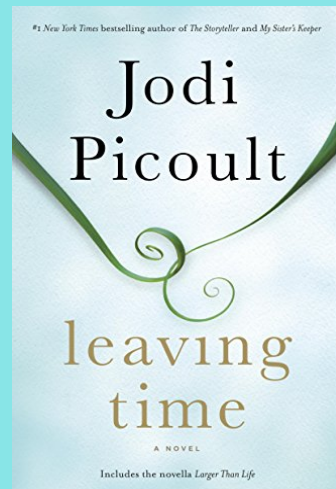
# Driving Forces

- The protagonist's voyage of self-discovery, self-discovery, self-improvement, and/or self-preservation.
- The main character's journey through personal trials that lead her (or him) to learn and change and grow while making mistakes.
- Other characters will impact the heroine, but not rescue her. In the end, she saves herself.

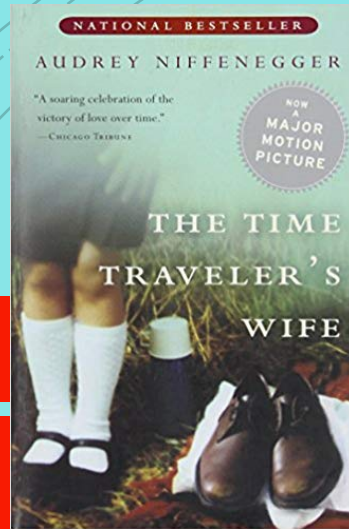
Vs.  
Romance



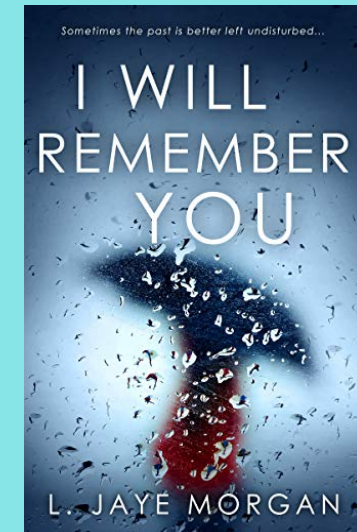
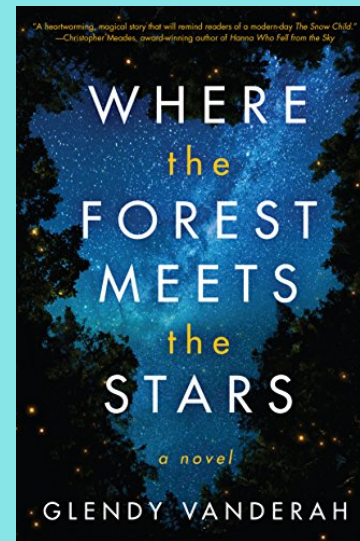
Women's Fiction may contain elements of romance, as in these examples, but the romance does not drive the story.



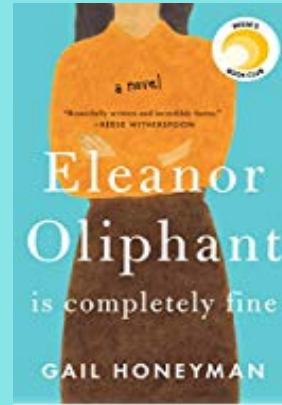
# Vs. Other Genres



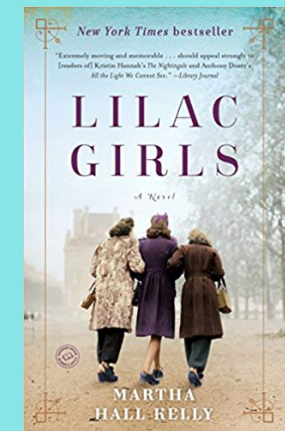
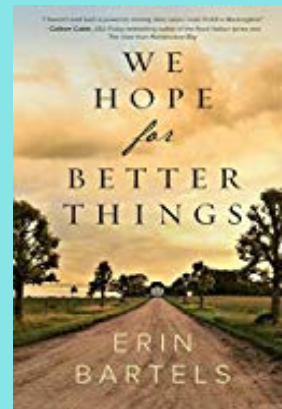
- Many works of women's fiction include elements of other genres: thrillers, mysteries and the magical. But the journey to emotional fulfillment is still at the heart of the story.



# Women's Fiction May Be Contemporary



# Or Historical



Time  
Setting

# For Women Only?



- Women's fiction deals with such issues as relationships, family, home and community. It's what gets into a woman's head about what's going on in her life, and delving deeply into her emotions.
- Women's fiction is generally marketed to women and written by women, though not always. Think of the Nicholas Sparks novels that have been made into movies and enjoyed by both women and men.

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