

THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS
ENGL 4605: FORMS OF FICTION:
STUDIES IN GENRE



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This forms class explores a new genre in fiction each week—science-fiction, fantasy, magical realism, horror, fairy-tale and literary retellings, historical fiction, romance, humor, metafiction, epistolary and fraudulent artifact stories, and more. Students will read stories and try out writing in each of these genres, as well as mash up genres to create new ones.

One genre exercise will be expanded into a full story draft to be workshopped and revised. Students will also write an analysis of and present on a genre of their own design, with close readings of example texts categorized within their invented genre.

Special guest visit from CJ Hauser, author of *Family of Origin*.

REQUIRED TEXTS

ENGL 4605 Reader— Canvas

Hauser, CJ. *Family of Origin*. New York: Doubleday, 2020.

