## Genre: Fantasy

Fantasy, like other kinds of stories, has characters, is set in a time and place, and has problems, events and solutions to the problems. But in fantasy animals can talk, feel and do what humans can do.

## <u>Fantasy</u> Definition:

■ Fantasy: a highly imaginative story about characters, places, and events that, while sometimes believable, do not exist (from Harris, et al. <u>The Literacy Dictionary</u>, IRA, 1995)

## Purpose:

- To entertain
- To take the reader into an imaginary world

## Form and Features:

- The problem in a fantasy is like in a real world story, but it is solved in an unreal way.
- Animals can talk, feel, and act like people.
- Fantasies have happy endings.
- Fantasies often teach a lesson.