

Elements of Fantasy: Popular Fiction Chart

Element of Fantasy	Fantastical Detail in a Story	Description of the Fantastical Detail
Magical Objects	Ruby slippers in <i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i> . * *In the book, the slippers are silver. In the movie, they are ruby.	The ruby slippers are magical slippers that once belonged to the Wicked Witch of the East. Dorothy got these sparkling red shoes after her house fell on top of the witch in Oz. The slippers protect her from the Witch's sister and will grant her a wish to return home.
Imaginary Places	Willy Wonka's magical Chocolate Factory in <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> .	Wonka's chocolate factory includes a river of chocolate with enough chocolate to fill every bathtub in the entire country. The grass and flowers are made of candy and minted sugar. Machines can shrink you into a tiny person, and special seltzer can make you float.
Invented Languages	"Parseltongue" is a secret snake language found in the book <i>Harry Potter</i> .	It is the language of Salazar Slytherin (founder of the house of Slytherin at Hogwarts). Humans cannot hear the language. To humans, it sounds like hissing without taking a breath. Harry Potter received this power when he received his mark from Lord Voldemort.
Nonhuman Characters	Hobbits in the <i>Lord of the Rings</i> .	Hobbits are a nonhuman race of creatures living in Middle Earth. Hobbits are very short. Adult hobbits grow to only 2-4 feet, whereas adult humans can grow above 6 feet. Hobbits have elfish, curly hair. They can live to be 130 years old (much longer than the average human).
Myths	Peter Pan is based on Pan, a mythical god that never ages.	Peter Pan is based on the myth of an ancient god named Pan. He is forever youthful, wild, and playful—just like Peter. He is also called the "spirit of nature."
Good vs. Evil Plots	Lord Voldemort's battle with Harry Potter.	Lord Voldemort is an evil wizard who wants to live forever, rid the world of humans or "muggles," and reign over the wizarding world. Harry is the "good" protagonist, who seeks to make the world safe for muggles and wizards alike.