The Fiction Detective

**Directions**
You have been asked to help out at the school library. The librarian gives you a stack of six fiction books and asks you to put each book back in the right section. Identify the subgenre of each book by reading the titles and descriptions. Write the subgenre on the line below, and explain how you can tell.

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1. **Description:** Percy Jackson has just discovered that he's the son of a Greek god. With the help of his friends, a satyr and a daughter of the goddess Athena, he must rescue Zeus's master lightning bolt while trying to fight off the mythical creatures determined to keep him from succeeding.

**Subgenre:**

**How can you tell?**

2. **Description:** Corinne doesn’t believe in the jumbies, scary creatures that live in the woods and prey on people. Then one day a strange lady walks into Corinne's house and takes over. Corinne must brave the terrors of the forest to save her family and her village.

**Subgenre:**

**How can you tell?**

3. **Description:** Greg Heffley has just started middle school. Everyone is taller than he is, and he is an immediate social outcast. Greg tries to navigate the wrestling team, the school play, and losing his best friend, all in the same school-year.

**Subgenre:**

**How can you tell?**
From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

4. Description: Claudia and Jamie Kincaid decide to run away from home and live at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. While living in the museum, they discover a statue that may be a priceless work of art. To answer the riddle of the statue, they must find clues in the home of an eccentric collector.

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How can you tell? ________________________________

Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card

5. Description: In the future, Earth has been attacked twice by insect-like aliens and is about to be attacked again. To protect the Earth from these aliens, Ender Wiggin and the other children at Battle School are trained through a series of video games to perfect their tactical strategy.

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Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

6. Description: At the beginning of World War II, the Nazis begin to take away the Jews of Copenhagen, Denmark. Annemarie Johansen’s family takes in her best friend, Ellen Rosen, and helps smuggle Ellen and her family to safety in Sweden.

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