

New Forms of English Literature: An Overview

Form	Description	Examples
<i>CliFi</i>	a form of dystopian fiction, displaying desolate scenarios in the near future caused by environmental destruction	John Lanchester, <i>The Wall</i> (2019); Yannick Thoraval, <i>The Current</i> (2014); Ian McEwan, <i>Solar</i> (2010)
<i>Instapoetry</i>	A relatively short posted on Instagram, usually containing a text-image combination	Instapoets to look out for: Rupi Kaur; R.M. Drake; Atticus; Amanda Lovelace
<i>TikTok Acting</i>	Short dramatic sequences to be acted out by two people on TikTok (in a 'duet')	Channels to look out for on TikTok: @elianaghen; @thechrisbarnett
<i>Text-talk Fiction</i>	A form of fiction in which the plot is merely presented via text messages (emails, social media posts, letters, SMS etc.)	Alexander Aciman & Emmett Rensin, <i>Twitterature: The World's Greatest Books Retold Through Twitter</i> (2009); Alyson Noel, <i>Cruel Summer</i> (2008); Nina Schindler, <i>An Order of Amelie, Hold the Fries</i> (2004);
<i>Twitterfiction/Flashfiction</i>	a short short story told in a limited amount of characters (e.g. 140/280 on Twitter)	Channels to look out for on Twitter: @asmallfiction; @microflashfic
<i>Kinetic poetry</i>	A form of digital poetry performance in which the reading of the text is supported by words (including music and images) dynamically assembling on the screen	V for Vendetta, "The V Speech" (2012); Randall Stephens, "I Statements" (2011); Kenneth Koch "Social Life, with Friends" [adapted by Alan Lastufka 2009]
<i>Fictions of the internet</i>	Fictional stories dealing with the consequences, dangers, and challenges of the Internet age, often by imitating Internet registers and forms	Jarret Kobek, <i>I hate the Internet</i> (2016); Dave Eggers, <i>The Circle</i> (2013); Ernest Cline, <i>Ready Player One</i> (2011)
<i>Reading challenges/reading vlogs</i>	often presented in video form, reading challenges show what an individual reader has, for instance, read in a week; this often includes a review of books	videos on YouTube: *emmie*, "Trying to catch up with my Goodreads challenge (send help)" (2020); The Book Leo, "Come bookshopping with me in 5 small bookstores" (2020)