

biography
 [baɪˈɒɡrəfi] *n*
 биография жизнеописание

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biography [biography biographies] *BrE* [baɪˈɒɡrəfi] ^ˈ *NAmE* [baɪˈɑːɡrəfi] ^ˈ
noun **countable, uncountable** (pl. **biographies**)
 the story of a person's life written by sb else; this type of writing
 • Boswell's biography of Johnson
compare ↑autobiography
Derived Word ↑biographical

Word Origin:
 late 17th cent.: from French **biographie** or modern Latin **biographia**, from medieval Greek, from **bios** 'life' + **-graphia** 'writing'.

Example Bank:
 • The book gives potted biographies of all the major painters.
 • a biography by Antonia Fraser
 • a biography of the former president
 • a biography of the prime minister

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biography /baɪˈɒɡrəfi/ ^ˈ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** (plural **biographies**)
 [Date: 1600-1700; Language: Late Greek; Origin: biographia, from Greek bio- (⇒ **bio-**) + -graphia '-graphy']
 1. **[countable]** a book that tells what has happened in someone's life, written by someone else
biography of
 • Boswell's biography of Dr. Johnson
 2. **[uncountable]** literature that consists of biographies ⇒ **autobiography**
—biographical /ˌbaɪəˈɡræfɪkəl-, ˌbaɪəˈgræfɪkəl-/ **adjective:**
 • biographical information
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■ **types of book**

- **novel** *noun* **[countable]** a book about imaginary people and events: The film is based on Nick Hornby's best-selling novel. | a historical novel
- **fiction** *noun* **[uncountable]** books that describe imaginary people and events: She reads a lot of romantic fiction.
- **literature** *noun* **[uncountable]** novels and plays that are considered to be important works of art: I'm studying American literature at university.
- **non-fiction** *noun* **[uncountable]** books that describe real people and events: Men tend to prefer non-fiction.
- **science fiction** *noun* **[uncountable]** books about imaginary events in the future or space travel
- **reference book** *noun* **[countable]** a book such as a dictionary or encyclopedia, which you look at to find information
- **textbook** *noun* **[countable]** a book about a particular subject that you use in a classroom
- **set book** *British English*, **course book** *British English* *noun* **[countable]** a book that you have to study as part of your course
- **guidebook** *noun* **[countable]** a book telling visitors about a city or country
- **picture book** *noun* **[countable]** a book for children with many pictures in it
- **hardcover/hardback** *noun* **[countable]** a book that has a hard stiff cover
- **paperback** *noun* **[countable]** a book that has a paper cover
- **biography** *noun* **[countable]** a book about a real person's life, written by another person
- **autobiography** *noun* **[countable]** a book that someone has written about their own life
- **recipe book/cookery book** *British English* (also **cookbook** *American English*) *noun* **[countable]** a book that tells you how to cook different meals

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