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# WEBSITE SCRAPING PROJECT

## **BEST SELLING BOOKS WITH DATA ANALYTICS**





# INTRODUCTION

## **Project Background And Context:**

The project involved Web Scraping a website with a catalogue of books using Python. The primary goal was to extract, clean, and transform the data into a MYSQL database, which would then be queried and visualised in Power BI to identify meaningful insights.

I posed the following questions that I wanted to find, which were:

- How does the rating of a book impact it's pricing within each of the top five genre's?
- Are there noticable trends in the average cost and rating correlation between the genre's?
- How does the average cost of a book differ across the rating, which may influence the profitability of each genre?





# SUMMARY

## **Summary Of Methodology**

- Data Collection With Web Scraping
- Data Wrangling
- Data Preparation And Querying With MYSQL
- Exploratory Data Analysis with Power BI

## **Summary Of Results**

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- Power BI Metrics
- Analysis Approach
- Conclusion





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## **Data Collection And Methodology:**

- **Data collection with Web Scraping of <https://books.toscrape.com/index.html> and extracting it in Python.**
- **Using Python and MYSQL connect to view, extract, clean and transform the data ready to save in a structured format for a MYSQL database.**
- **Build a Power BI dashboard with visualization from MYSQL database.**
- **Perfrom exploratory data analysis using Power BI**



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For detailed code and data analysis, view this Jupyter Lite notebook here:

<https://github.com/Drook93/Webscrape-Books/blob/master/WebScrape%20Python%20Code.ipynb>



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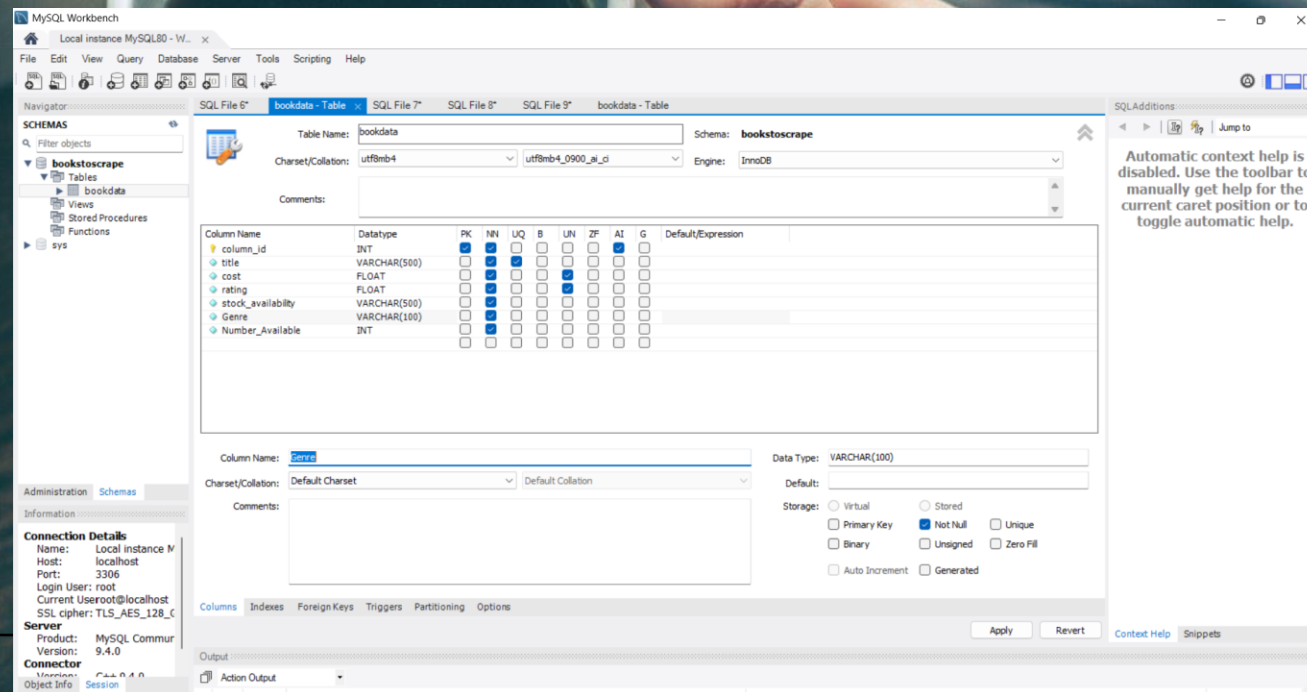
A hand holding a white mug of coffee on a wooden table, with a potted plant and an open book in the background.

# MYSQL DATABASE

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- When setting up the table for my "bookstoscrapse" database, I created the column ID using a primary Key data type and AI for auto-increment for the values under it.
- I set the NN data type across all values to prevent any null values to be accepted.
- The " Title" had UQ unique identifier to ensure in the case of duplicate title's, which would exclude them.
- The UN for unassigned was applied to the "Rating" and "Cost" to prevent any negative values within the database. This wasn't applied to the "Number\_Available" for negative values in case the data was to potentially show pre-order backlog.





- I ran a query in SQL to see the column's keys and their datatype's.

I initially faced issues in Python as they weren't assigned correctly.

- I used the SHOW COLUMNS statement to view this.

The screenshot shows the MySQL Workbench interface. The 'Schemas' pane on the left shows the 'bookstoscrape' database with a 'bookdata' table. The main editor shows the query 'SHOW COLUMNS FROM bookdata'. The 'Result Grid' displays the following table:

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
column_id	int	NO	PRI	HULL	auto_increment
title	varchar(500)	NO	UNI	HULL	
cost	float unsigned	NO		HULL	
rating	float unsigned	NO		HULL	
stock_availability	varchar(500)	NO		HULL	
Genre	varchar(100)	YES		HULL	
Number_Available	int	YES		HULL	

The bottom left pane shows 'Connection Details' for 'Local instance M' on 'localhost' at port '3306', using 'root' user. The bottom right pane shows 'Context Help' and 'Snippets'.



- Initially, after creating the table and extracting the data, I realised that additional variables were necessary to complete my analysis.

I created additional columns in MYSQL using the following statement: ALTER TABLE followed by ADD COLUMN with the appropriate data types.

The screenshot shows the MySQL Workbench interface. The SQL editor contains the following commands:

```
1 ALTER TABLE bookdata
2 ADD COLUMN Genre VARCHAR(500),
3 ADD COLUMN Number_Available INT;
```

The result grid displays the following data:

column_id	title	cost	rating	stock_availability	Genre	Number_Available
1	A Light in the Attic	51.77	3	In stock	Poetry	22
2	Tipping the Velvet	53.74	1	In stock	Historical Fiction	20
3	Soumission	50.1	1	In stock	Fiction	20
4	Sharp Objects	47.82	4	In stock	Mystery	20
5	Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind	54.23	5	In stock	History	20
6	The Requiem Red	22.65	1	In stock	Young Adult	19
7	The Dirty Little Secrets of Getting Your Dream Job	33.34	4	In stock	Business	19
8	The Coming Woman: A Novel Based on the Life ...	17.93	3	In stock	Default	19
9	The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their ...	22.6	4	In stock	Default	19
10	The Black Maria	52.15	1	In stock	Poetry	19
11	Starving Hearts (Triangular Trade Trilogy, #1)	13.99	2	In stock	Default	19
12	Shakespeare's Sonnets	20.66	4	In stock	Poetry	19
13	Set Me Free	17.46	5	In stock	Young Adult	19
14	Scott Pilgrim's Precious Little Life (Scott Pilgrim #1)	52.29	5	In stock	Sequential Art	19
15	Rip it Up and Start Again	35.02	5	In stock	Music	19
16	Our Band Could Be Your Life: Scenes from the A...	57.25	3	In stock	Music	19
17	Olo	23.88	1	In stock	Poetry	19
18	Mesaerion: The Best Science Fiction Stories 180...	37.59	1	In stock	Science Fiction	19
19	Libertarianism for Beginners	51.33	2	In stock	Politics	19



- After saving to the database. A `SELECT * FROM` statement was queried to view the table to ensure all of the data was pulled through.

MySQL Workbench

Local instance MySQL80 - W...

File Edit View Query Database Server Tools Scripting Help

Navigator: SQL File 6\* bookdata - Table SQL File 7\* SQL File 8\* SQL File 9\* bookdata - Table

SCHEMAS

Filter objects

bookstoscrape

Tables

bookdata

Views

Stored Procedures

Functions

sys

1 • SELECT \* FROM bookdata

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Limit to 1000 rows

SQL Additions: Automatic context help is disabled. Use the toolbar to manually get help for the current caret position or to toggle automatic help.

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Administration Schemas

Information

Connection Details

Name: Local instance V

Host: localhost

Port: 3306

Login User: root

Current User: root@localhost

SSL cipher: TLS\_AES\_128\_GCM\_SHA256

Server

Product: MySQL Commu

Version: 9.4.0

Connector

Version: 8.0.16

Object Info

Session

bookdata 6 x

Output

Action Output

Apply Revert Context Help Snippets

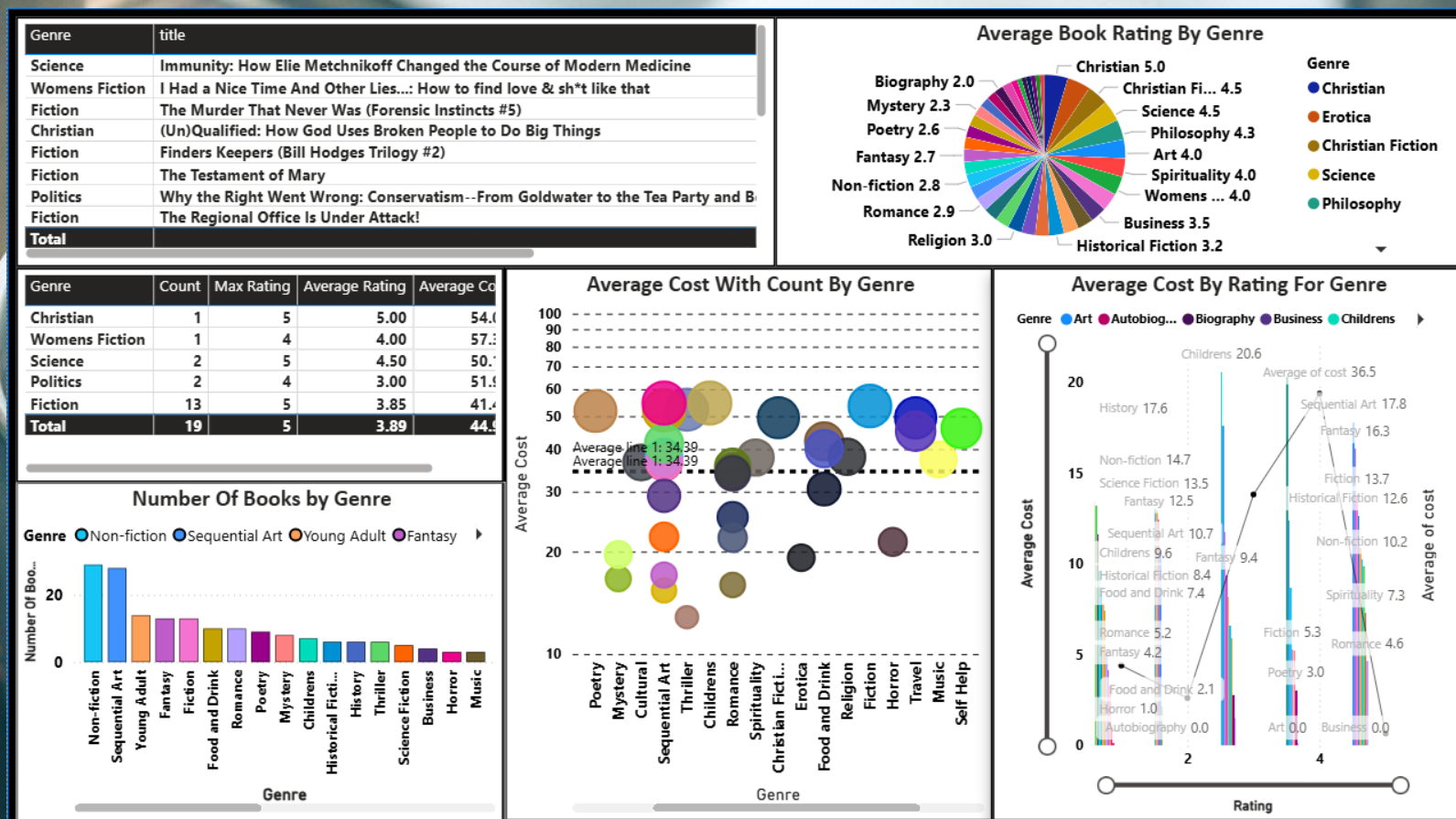




# POWER BI



- This is the overview of the Power BI dashboard I built.





- Using DAX, a measurement was created for the Top 5 Genres by calculating a weighted average score.

- The max rating was a 0.4 weight.

The average rating was 0.4 weight.

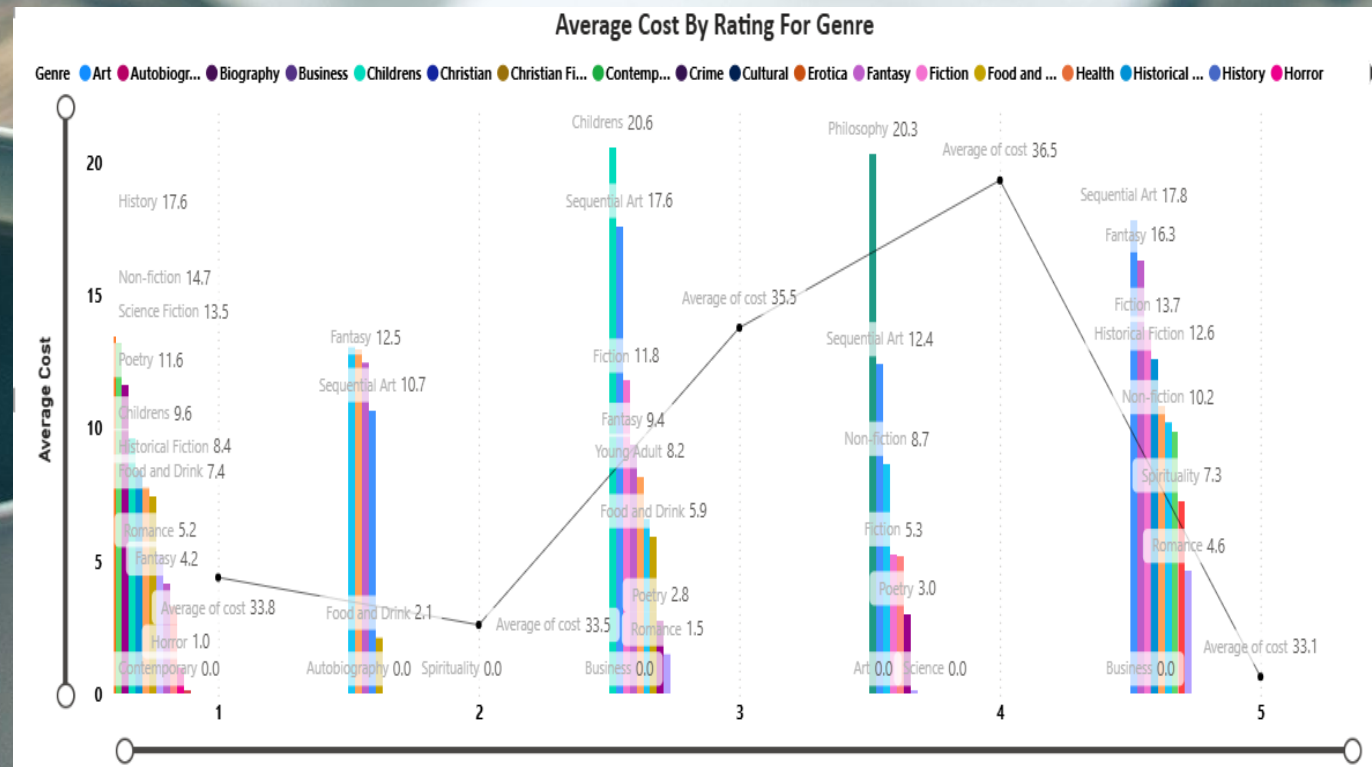
- The cost 0.2 weight.

- These weights were combined to generate a Weighted Average Score.

```
1 Top5_WeightedScore_ByGenre =  
2 VAR Top5 =  
3     TOPN (  
4         5,  
5         VALUES ( 'bookstoscrape bookdata' ),  
6         'bookstoscrape bookdata'[Rating],  
7         DESC  
8     )  
9 RETURN  
10 IF (  
11     COUNTROWS ( Top5 ) = 0,  
12     BLANK(),  
13     0.4 * MAXX ( Top5, 'bookstoscrape bookdata'[Rating] )  
14     + 0.4 * AVERAGEX ( Top5, 'bookstoscrape bookdata'[Rating] )  
15     + 0.2 * AVERAGEX ( Top5, 'bookstoscrape bookdata'[Cost] )  
16 )  
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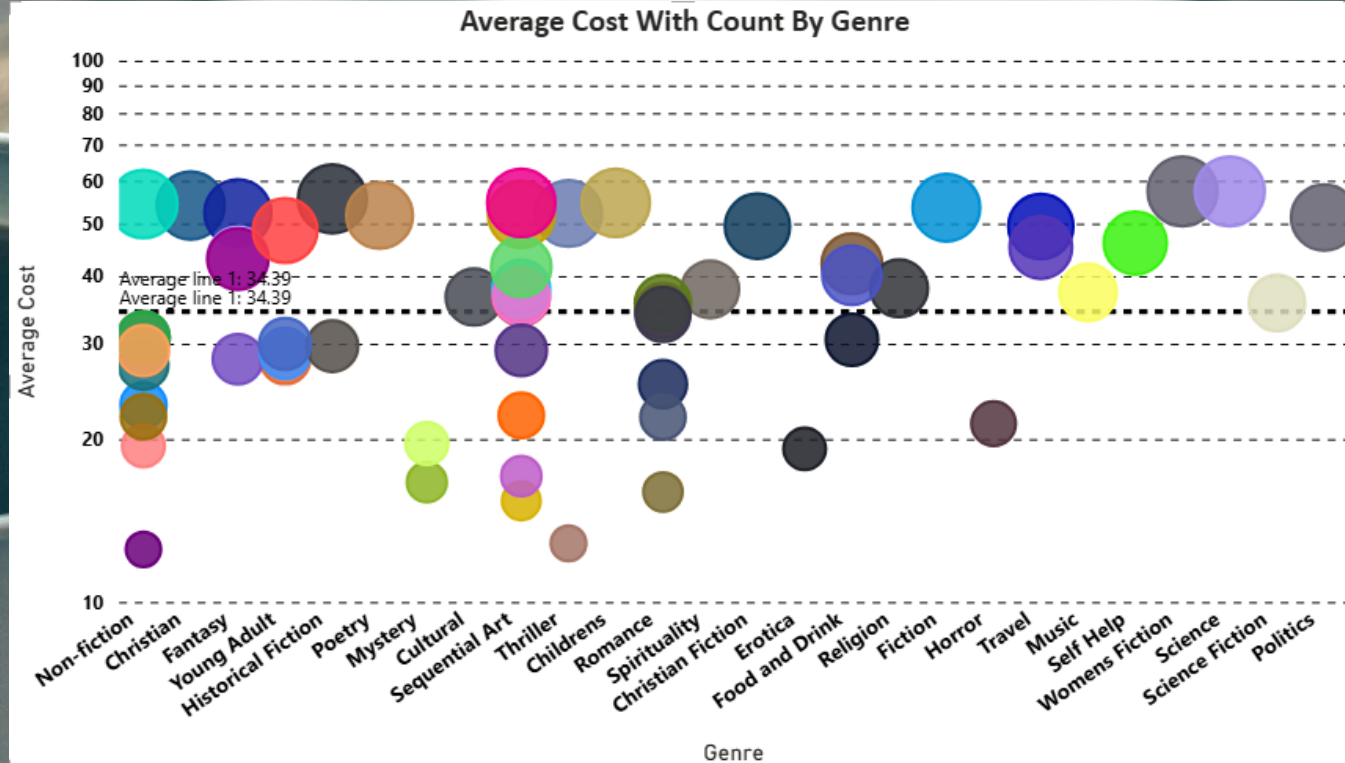


- This Cluster Chart shows the average cost by rating
- Outliers would skew the average cost, so a 1 standard deviation was applied to smooth out any anomalies.
- The line across the chart also shows the average across each rating.



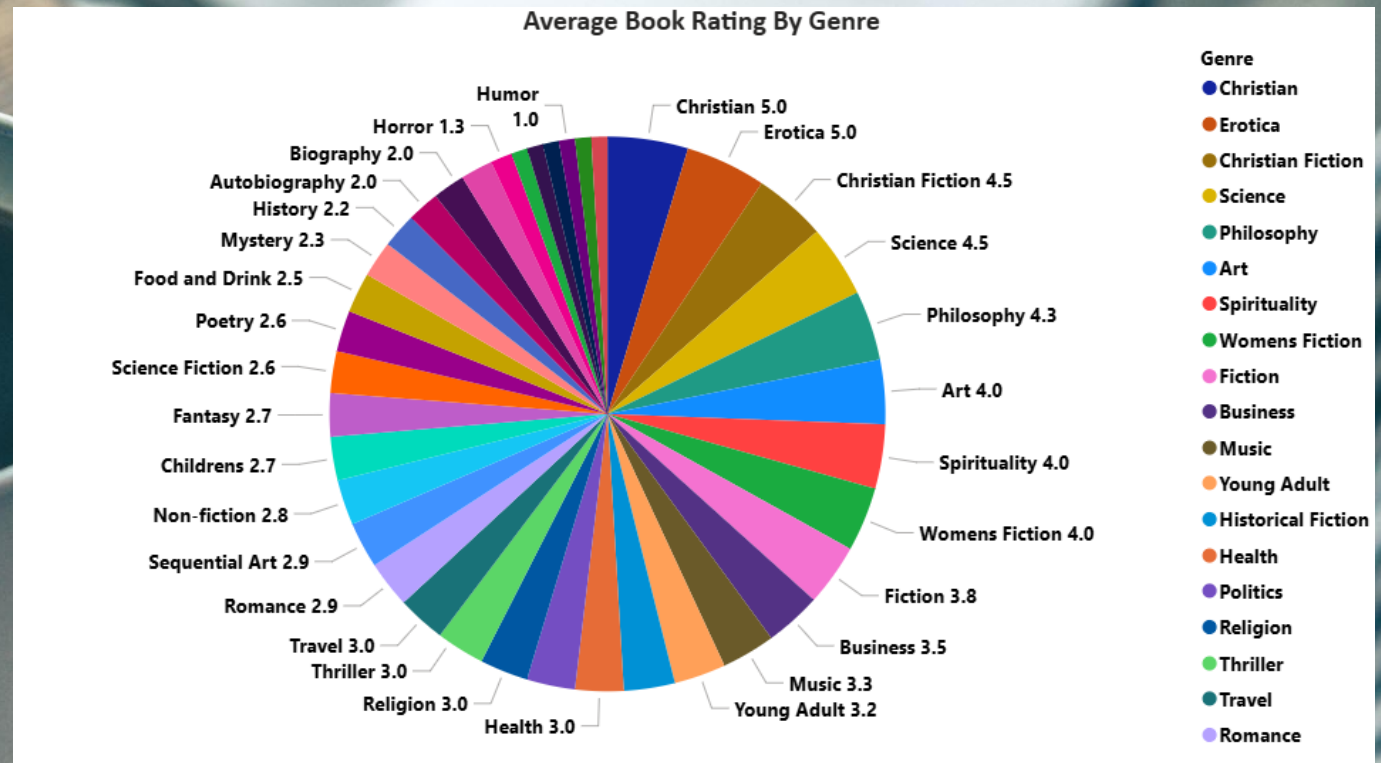


- This Scattered Bubble Chart shows the "Genre" by average cost with count.
- The size of bubbles would represent the count of books across the averaged cost.
- This represents the variation of the average cost across the genre's and where the majority would lie.



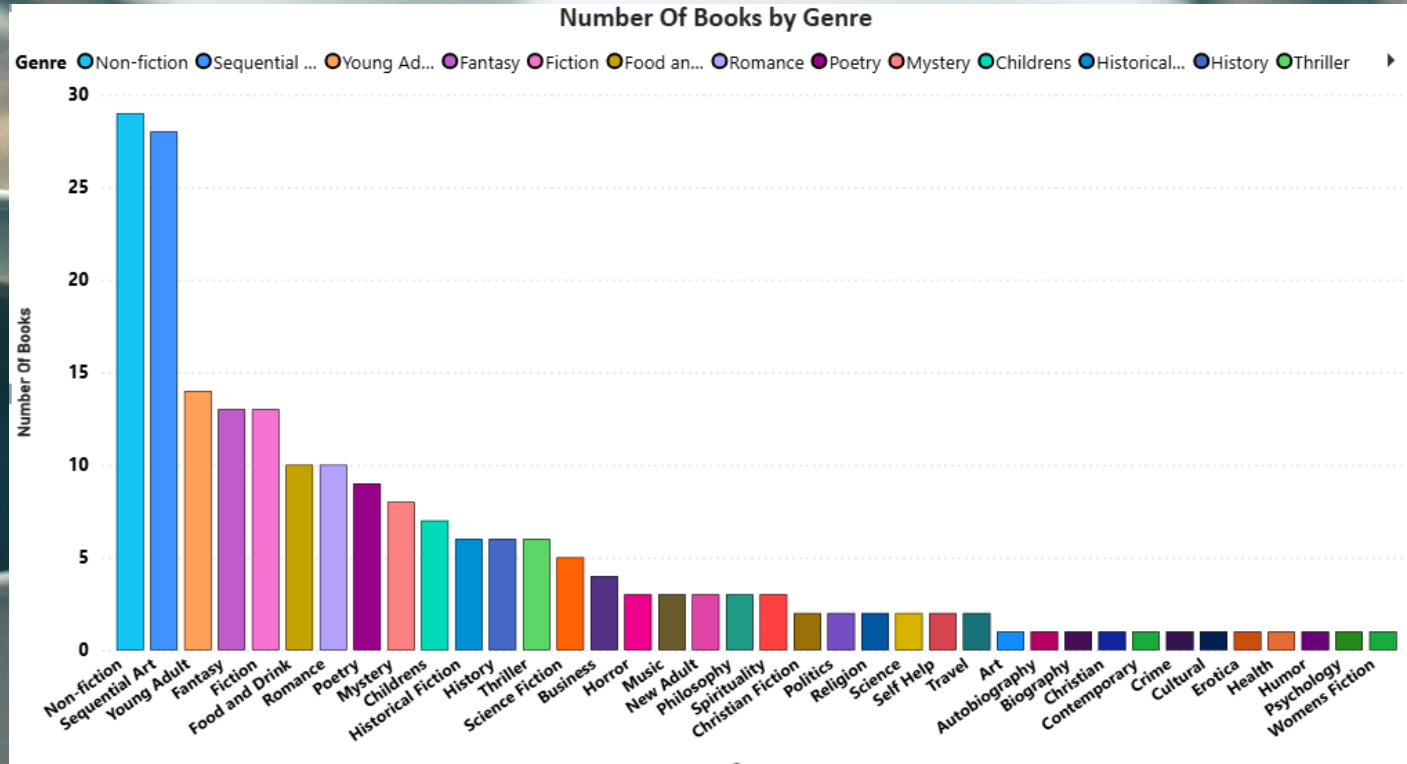


- This Pie Chart shows the "Genre" segmented by the average Rating.
- Although this gives a clear picture of the portion of genre's with the highest average. The count of books would give a clearer picture of which ones have the best average.





- This Bar Chart shows the "Genre" to the number of various Titles.
- Combined with the pie chart, it paints a clearer picture to determine the best average rating.





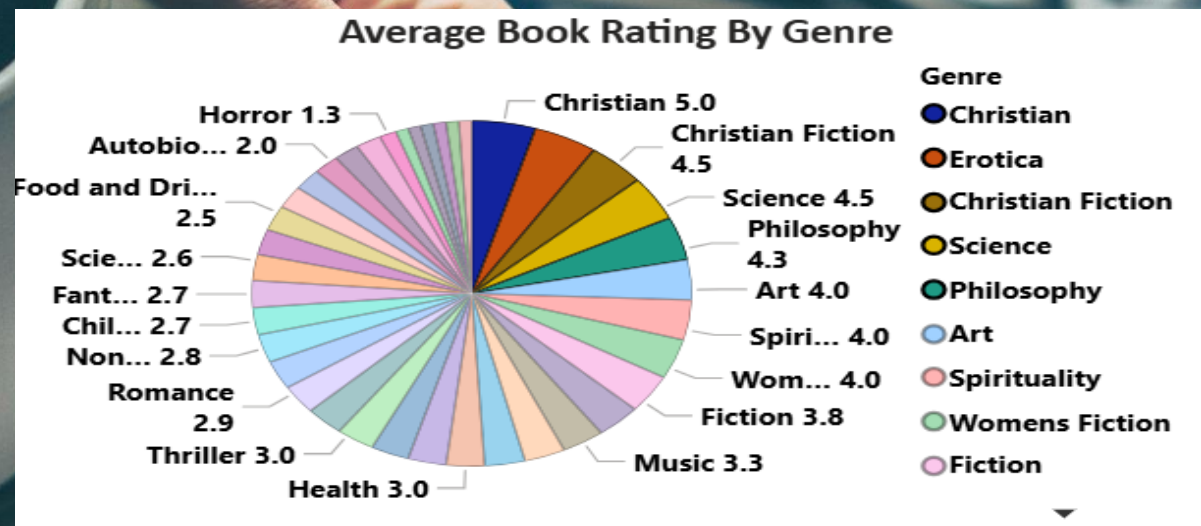
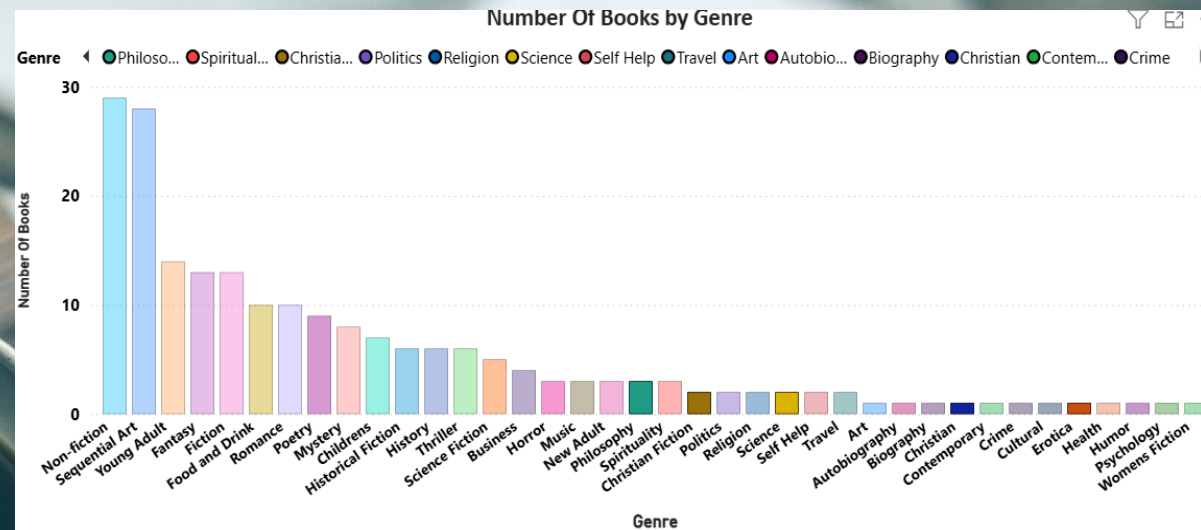
A hand holding a white mug on a wooden table. In the background, there is a potted plant with green leaves and an open book. The text "EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

# EXPLORATORY DATA ANALYSIS



I found that the top 5 highest average rated genres had some of the fewest number of total books available, which are "Christian" "Fiction", "Erotica", "Science" and "Philosophy" with only 9 books combined between them.

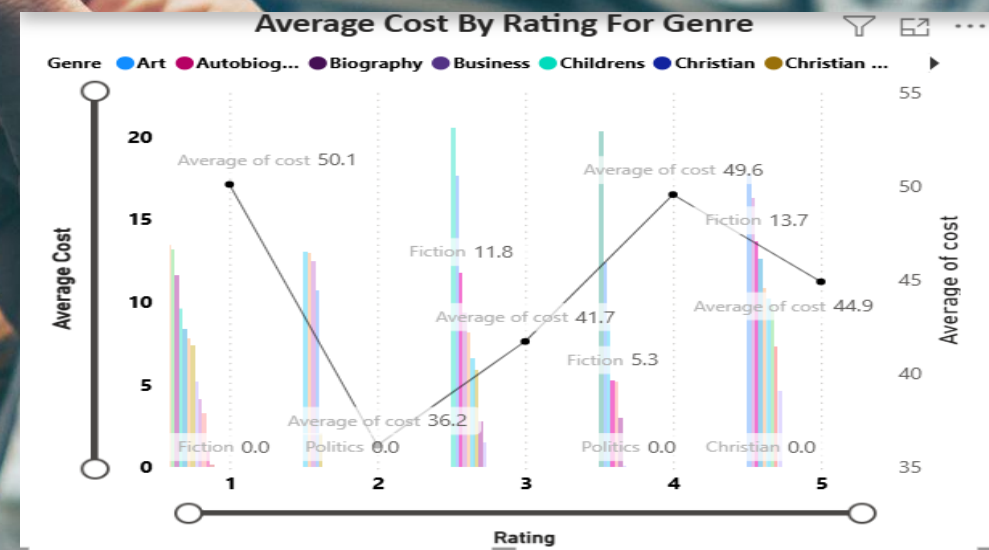
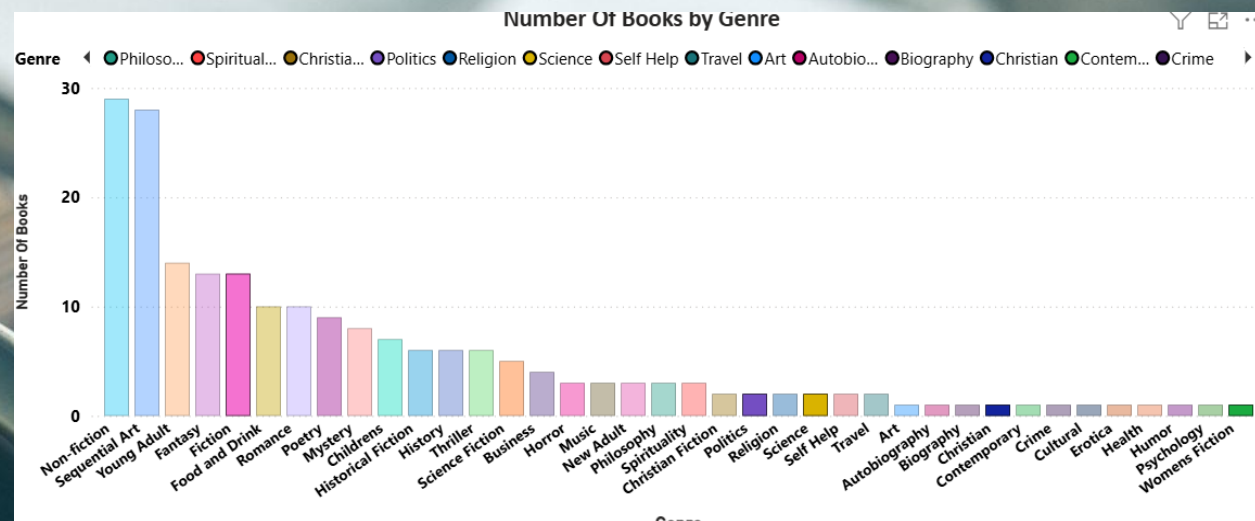
Genre	Count	Max Rating	Average Rating	Average Cost	Top 5
Christian	1	5	5.00	54.00	14.80
Science	2	5	4.50	50.16	13.83
Christian Fiction	2	5	4.50	34.96	10.79
Philosophy	3	5	4.33	30.50	9.83
Erotica	1	5	5.00	19.19	7.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.56</b>	<b>37.21</b>	<b>10.68</b>





- The clustered bar chart shows the top 5 Genre's by weighted average.
- This was combined the max rating, average rating and average cost.
- The top 5 genre's with the average cost was £44.98 across them combined across all ratings and the highest average cost rating of £49.6 at 4 stars
- "Fiction" made up 13 total books of the top 5 books by weighted average.

Genre	Count	Max Rating	Average Rating	Average Cost	Top 5
Christian	1	5	5.00	54.00	14.80
Womens Fiction	1	4	4.00	57.36	14.67
Science	2	5	4.50	50.16	13.83
Politics	2	4	3.00	51.99	13.20
Fiction	13	5	3.85	41.47	12.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3.89</b>	<b>44.98</b>	<b>12.98</b>







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## **We can conclude that:**

- The top 5 genre's of books are: "Fiction", "Politics", "Science", "Christian" and "Women's Fiction" for average rating and average Cost , with the maximum rating which are the best ones to sell by weighted average.
- The "Fiction" Genre has the most amount of unique books displayed within the top 5.
- The average cost across all genre's was £34.39.
- The maxium average cost across the top 5 genre's with the most expensive titles is £56.10 across all ratings, which were only between 3 to 5 stars. The average maximum cost from those at 3 star are £54.11, 4 star at £55.01 and 5 star £55.68.



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The top 5 books within each of those genres with the highest rating and cost are as follows:

**Science** - "Immunity: How Elie Metchnikoff Changed the Course of Modern Medicine"

**Women's Fiction** - "I Had a Nice Time And Other Lies...: How to find love & sh\*t like that"

**Christian** - "(Un)Qualified: How God Uses Broken People to Do Big Things"

**Fiction** - "The Murder That Never Was (Forensic Instincts #5)"

**Politics** - "Why the Right Went Wrong: Conservatism--From Goldwater to the Tea Party and Beyond"





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# CONCLUSION

- By identifying the top 5 Genres and the top Titles within each of those with the highest average cost.
- Fiction would be the most popular Genre to sell given the number of unique books available.
- The best book to sell would be Science - "Immunity: How Elie Metchnikoff Changed the Course of Modern Medicine" for the highest rating and highest cost.
- Given the average cost across the 5 genres £44.98 across them all and all ratings would be the best pricing.