What is the genre of *Enduring Love*?

Firstly, look at the list of films and TV programmes below and to categorise them according to their genre. For each, decide whether you think it is a detective story, a psychological thriller or a love story.

- *Sherlock Holmes*
- *The Time Traveller’s Wife*
- *Se7en*
- *Inspector Morse*
- *Fight Club*
- *The Notebook*
- *Rosemary and Thyme*
- *The Talented Mr Ripley*
- *Twilight*
- *A Touch of Frost*
- *The Proposal*
- *Zodiac*
- *Titanic*
- *Single White Female*
- *Pride and Prejudice*
- *The Silence of the Lambs*

Next, look at the muddled list of ‘ingredients’ for detective stories, psychological thrillers and romances. Work through the list and decide which ingredient belongs to which genre. You might find a few that fit into more than one genre!

- A criminal
- Sexual attraction
- Heartbreak
- Physical conflict between characters
- Reconciliation
- Two or more characters preying upon each others’ minds
- Uncertainty
- Characters use mental strength to conquer each other

- A focus on psychology
- Characters are placed at risk
- Betrayal
- A crime
- Clues
- Good is rewarded and bad is punished
- Confrontation
- A high level of anticipation
- An investigator
You are now going to try to work out which genre *Enduring Love* is an example of. Use the table below to record your thoughts.

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**Final tasks**

You’re a film producer and think *Enduring Love* would make a brilliant film. Write the first paragraph of your ‘pitch’, thinking carefully about how you are going to market the film in terms of genre.

Read the marketing material that accompanied the 2004 release of the film, for example the blurb on the DVD. Watch the trailer too, if you can. Can you work out which genre the film company have fixed on?