

FRANKESTEIN is the title of a novel which was written by Mary Shelley in 1816, when she was nineteen and was pregnant for the first time. The book describes the challenge for a very clever scientist, Dr. Victor Frankenstein, who was driven in an obsession. He thought that he could create new forms of life, by using old pieces of dead human beings (bodies) and the effects of electricity, like lightnings.

Frankenstein is a mysterious word, because sometimes it is used to speak about the monster and sometimes it seems to be *the creator or life*. The monster was too tall, ugly and horrible and, when people met him, they always ran scared away. Besides, the monster is a killer. After several adventures, the monster asks the scientist for a female mate, because he feels himself unhappy and also a lonely monster. At the end, we have a human monster.

This book, published two hundred years ago, is considered the first science-fiction story and has been adapted into a film, theater and tv-series many times over the world.

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