

Frankenstein

The story of Frankenstein is famous all over the world.

It was written in 1818 by Mary Shelley, and was immediately a big success. It's a horror story which some people also see as the first science-fiction novel. And although it's a very well-known story, most people have the wrong idea about who Frankenstein is. They think it's the name of the monster in the story, but in fact it's the name of the scientist who created **it**.



The book begins with the letters of an English explorer, Captain Robert Walton. **He** tells us about Victor Frankenstein, a scientist from Geneva, who he meets in the Arctic. Frankenstein has discovered the secret of creating life, and he decides to make a human being. He visits graveyards at night, and collects bodies. Using different parts of **these**, he creates and brings to life a being, which is both man and monster.

The monster is huge and ugly, but also intelligent and sensitive. Of course, when people see it, they are terrified, so the poor monster has no friends and feels lonely and depressed. Finally, it asks Frankenstein to make it a wife. **This** he refuses to do, and the angry monster kills Frankenstein's bride, Elizabeth, and **his** brother and best friend. Frankenstein is heartbroken and wants to kill the monster, which runs away. Frankenstein chases it across the world and dies when they meet in the Arctic. The monster then kills **itself**.

There are over 40 films that tell the story of Frankenstein. **The first** was made as long ago as 1910. It's a fascinating tale because of the complex character of the monster, **which** is both frightening and sad at the same time.