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Frankenstein Takes the Cake

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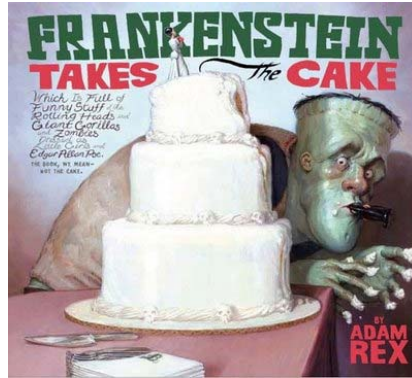
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Rex, Adam. *Frankenstein Takes the Cake*. Illustrated by Adam Rex. Harcourt, 2008. ISBN 9780152062354. \$16.00. 39 p.

Reviewer: Jan Staheli

Reading Level: Intermediate, Young adult

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Humorous poetry; Occult fiction;

Subject: Monsters--Juvenile poetry; Children's poetry, American; Books--Reviews;

This book contains a miscellaneous collection of comics and humorous poems on the theme of monsters: Frankenstein, Dracula, Medusa, the Headless Horseman, and so forth. They are clever and wry, and present monsters that are just like us...or almost.

From the E.T. email offering untold wealth (for just a fifty dollar transfer fee) to zombie Girl Scouts selling cookies, from Frankenstein's bride getting attitude from her mother, "Do you know how much it cost to get you boxed, embalmed, and buried?...and now we have to plan your wedding?" to Dracula having an allergic reaction to the garlic bread at the wedding dinner, these shorts are zany, witty, and bound to give giggles, titters, and at least one good belly laugh. They will be enjoyed by everyone who has ever found themselves in a "monstrous" situation, of one sort or another.

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