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Xtreme Monsters: Werewolves

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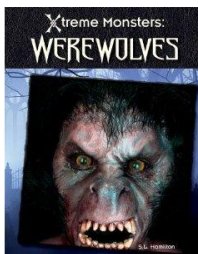
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Hamilton, S. L. *Xtreme Monsters: Werewolves*. ABDO, 2010. ISBN 9781616134716. \$25.65. 32 p.

Reviewer: Laurien Clay

Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Informational Books;

Subject: Werewolves--Juvenile Literature; Books--Reviews;

They are creatures that have fascinated, and sometimes menaced, many people for centuries. According to history, werewolves are man gone wolf, with a will to terrorize and a taste for blood. However, modern-day science proves them either to be sufferers of hypertrichosis (werewolf syndrome) or lycanthropes. At any rate, whatever these creatures may or may not be, they have infused themselves into pop culture through books, films, and video games.

Hamilton is the author of many other *Xtreme* series books on a wide variety of subjects, varying from dance to outer space. *Xtreme Monsters: Werewolves* is a stimulating display of photographs, illustrations, and facts. However, this visual intensity in combination with its rather halting format make for a slightly difficult read. On the other hand, the diverse information it presents on werewolves is and would be useful and interesting in lesson plans around the time of Halloween.

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