Creepy Creatures: Werewolves

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Review

This picture book is divided into short sections that cover the concept, history, and tradition of werewolves, both historically and in popular culture. The text is accompanied by short “Did You Know?” text boxes that provide additional facts and information, and features a weathered-looking layout and intriguing stock photography of animals, Hollywood monsters, and art. A short glossary in the back of the book contains definitions and pronunciations of words that young readers may not have encountered before.

Each short, simply worded entry provides relevant information pertaining to historical beliefs about werewolves and their continued place in popular culture in a way that is informative and fun. Even readers who are familiar with werewolves may learn some new facts about how they have been viewed over time. The popular culture section was particularly entertaining, showing examples of werewolves in fiction from The Werewolf of Paris (a 1933 novel) to the to the ever popular Twilight films. The “Let’s Talk” section provides interesting questions that invite children to think hypothetically about werewolves, encouraging imaginative speculation and discussion that may lead children to create their own werewolf stories.