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Book Review

Title: Gris Grimly's Frankenstein

Author: Mary Shelley

Illustrator: Gris Grimly

Reviewer: Roger Layton

Publisher: Harper Collins

Publication Year: 2015

ISBN: 9780061862977

Number of Pages: 208

Interest Level: Young Adult

Rating: Outstanding



Review

Few characters are as famous as Frankenstein's Monster, but the character you see in films and cartoons is not the real Frankenstein. Gris Grimly has taken Mary Shelley's original text from the 1800s and surrounded it with amazing drawings that draw you into the story. The original text of Frankenstein is a classic work that deals with lots of ideas that are very complex. While the ideas are important, the book doesn't have all the action you expect in a modern book. Grimly's work stays true to the text but adds richness. For example, many of the important points in the novel are communicated through letters. Grimly recreates the letters in various characters' own hand. Other parts of the tale, such as Frankenstein's travel and the important characters he meets in the book now have images to help you along.

Reading this edition of *Frankenstein* sometimes readers might follow the story through the pictures and other times feel completely drawn into the text. For someone facing their first classic novel, this is a great starting point. Readers be warned, Frankenstein is not a happy tale, but it is an important one. Now you can enjoy the same text readers have enjoyed for over one hundred years and feel like you are reading a modern graphic novel.

*Contains some violence.