

Frankenstein

Mary Shelly

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Fans of classic literature should definitely check out *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly. In the novel, Victor Frankenstein is driven by his hunger to accomplish something in the field of science but instead ends up creating an incredibly ugly monster, which he calls Frankenstein. Victor's pride and conscience makes him feel ashamed of his ugly and unnatural creation and thus, Victor keeps the monster isolated. Frankenstein however eventually does escape and decides to avenge Victor for treating him so terribly. He first kills Victor's youngest brother William. Frankenstein then begs Victor to make him a companion so that he wouldn't feel so lonely. At first, Victor agrees but refuses at the last minute. This makes Frankenstein feel very bitter and angry and he promises Victor that he will give him company on his wedding night. When his wedding night comes, Victor, not forgetting Frankenstein's words, keeps his bride, Elizabeth, away from him in order to protect her from Frankenstein. But when he hears Elizabeth's screams, Victor soon realizes that the monster was after his bride, not him. Victor's father dies from grief of the deaths of Elizabeth and William, leaving Victor alone in the world. Victor makes it his mission to kill Frankenstein to give some justice to the deaths of his loved ones. In the end, when he finally catches up to the monster, the two are separated when the ice breaks apart. Robert Walton finds Victor in this vulnerable condition and then listens to the story of Victor Frankenstein. Soon after, Victor dies and Walton comes across Frankenstein, who is very upset about Victor's death and decides to go on and die too.

Frankenstein is a great novel for high school students. Mary Shelly uses devices like diction and syntax to effectively convey a mood. In addition, there are multiple themes in the novel. Therefore, it is a great novel for writing assignments in English class. Moreover, the novel is worth mentioning in standardized tests like the SATs. The novel does have its flaws however. The most prominent being that the novel is very tedious at times. It feels as if the narrator just drags on about something not relevant to the plot of the story. But, even so, it is a novel worth reading, especially if you are a high school student.

The novel would be a great gift for someone who enjoys classic literature and also for high school students planning to take the SATs or other standardized tests. As for others, checking it out from the library would be a much better idea.