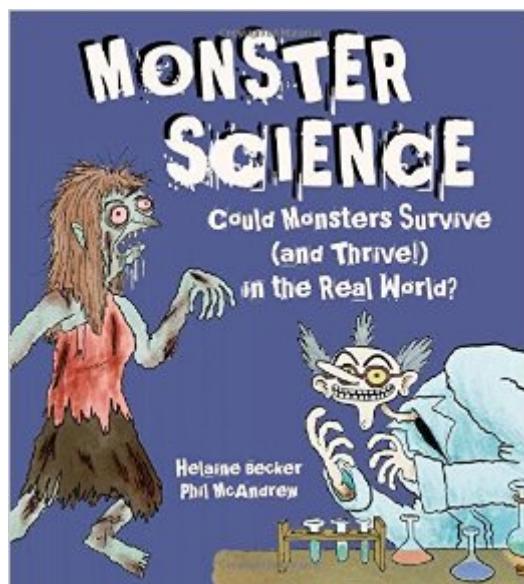


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# Monster Science: Could Monsters Survive (and Thrive!) In The Real World?



## Synopsis

"In a completely original approach to exploring science, award-winning author Helaine Becker places six different kinds of monsters --- Frankenstein, vampires, bigfoot, zombies, werewolves and sea monsters --- under her microscope to expose the proven scientific principles behind the legends."--

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I expected that this would be a silly yuch-fest with a couple of science facts tossed in for balance. Boy, was I wrong. The author uses classic monster examples to cover a wide and fascinating range of real science, mostly relating to anatomy and biology. If you took out all of the monster stuff you'd still have a decent middle grade biology book. Add the monsters, the monster history, and the funny-exaggerated illustrations and you have a book with wide appeal. The book is very cleverly divided into topics by monster. So, the teaching examples are Frankenstein, Vampires, Bigfoot, Zombies, Werewolves, and Sea Monsters. Consider Frankenstein. Here are the mini-topics we touch on: the original Mary Shelley story, other lonely monsters in literature, 18th century anatomy experiments involving electricity and the work of Luigi Galvani, principles of electricity and the work of Volta, mad scientists through history and literature, cardiac arrest and defibrillation, neurons and the nervous system, organ transplants, grave robbing, and genetic engineering. Are you kidding

me? And every monster topic covers equally broad ground with page after page of interesting factoids, asides, illustrations, and related scientific digressions. ("Vampires" focuses on blood and circulation; "Sasquatch" on evolution and rare animals; "Zombies" on exotic diseases, and so on.) I honestly don't think I've ever encountered a book that so well combines funny yucky-squishy stuff, goofy illustrations, and challenging but age appropriate science instruction. This book is an absolute goldmine for any kid, (like my grandson "T"), who likes non-fiction, but also can't resist a good monster angle. What a clever premise, and what great execution.

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