

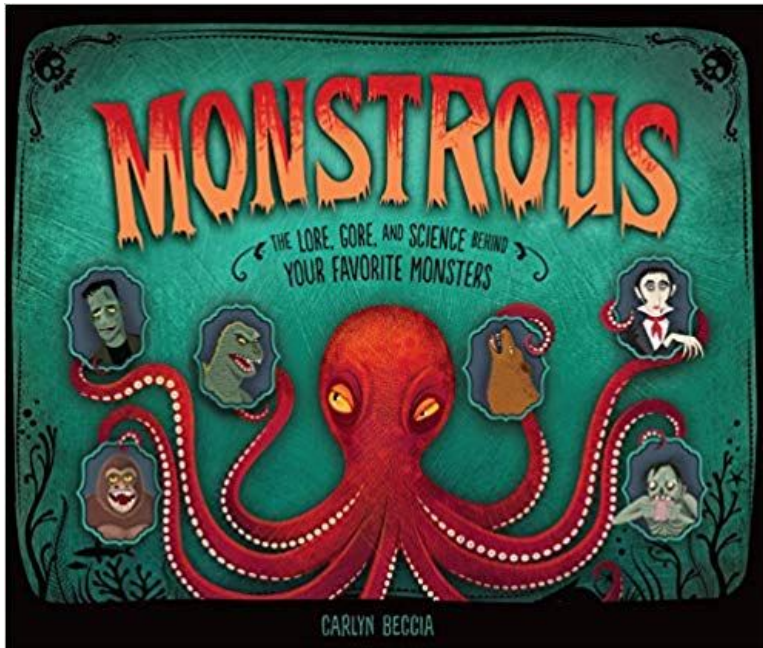
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Monstrous: The Lore, Gore, and Science Behind Your Favorite Monsters

By Carlyn Beccia

“The monsters are more comical than scary in the author's painted illustrations... Informative and entertaining throughout for readers undead or otherwise.”

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Could Dr. Frankenstein's machine ever animate a body? Why should vampires drink from veins and not arteries? What body parts are best for zombies to eat? Surprise, It's not brains!

In ***Monstrous: The Lore, Gore, and Science Behind Your Favorite Monsters (Lerner Publishing Group; September 3, 2019)***, Carlyn Beccia gives readers a fascinating encyclopedia of monsters that delves into the history and

science behind eight legendary creatures, from Bigfoot and the kraken to zombies and more.

Find out each monster's origin story and the real-world history that informed it, and then explore the science of each creature in fun and surprising ways. Tips and infographics—including monster anatomy, how to survive a vampire attack, and real-life giant creatures of the deep sea—make this a highly visual and fun-to-browse book.

Bursting with blood, guts, history, and science, this book is a must-have for monster lovers of all ages.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Carlyn Beccia (pronounced Betcha) is an author, illustrator and graphic designer with blood type B+ (in case any vampires are reading this). Beccia's children's books, including *The Raucous Royals*, *I Feel Better with a Frog in My Throat*, and *They Lost Their Heads*, have won numerous awards including the Golden Kite Honor, the International Reading Association's Children's and Young Adult Book Award, and the Cybils Award. If you would like to know what she has in her zombie preparedness kit, visit her at www.CarlynBeccia.com

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★ STARRED REVIEW

“Frequent black-and-white spot art and snarky footnote asides add comedy to this already high-interest blend of history and science. Entertaining and fascinating, with a clever incorporation of STEM topics.”--**Booklist**

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“Her stylish mélange of witty illustrations —silhouettes with speech bubbles, dramatic tableaux, caricatures—and interactive text demands reader participation...”--**Publisher's Weekly**

“Beccia's light, cheeky approach to the subject matter is tailor-made for a middle-grade audience . . . Readers fond of the gruesome and grotesque with a heavy dose of humor will find much to enjoy here.”--**Kirkus Reviews**

“...quirky, clever compendium. . . . The author's chatty, irreverent narrative profiles each highlighted luminary and offers supplementary info on such topics as embalming,

phrenology, and cryonics—and ample doses of downright creepy, kid-pleasing trivia.”--**Publishers Weekly**

“This humorous approach to history has strong booktalk potential, and also serves as a compelling introduction to the notion that separating fact from fiction can be challenging and fun.”--**School Library Journal**