

SOURCES & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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START HERE

Shelley, Mary. *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus*. 1818. *Project Gutenberg*, www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/41445.

The first edition, and the text this packet quotes throughout. She rewrote it in 1831 and the changes matter, so get this one. The 1831 text is ebook 42324 if you want to compare.

Shelley, Mary. *The Journals of Mary Shelley, 1814-1844*. Vol. 1, edited by Paula R. Feldman and Diana Scott-Kilvert, Clarendon Press, 1987.

In print rather than free, but most libraries can get it. The twelve days of her first daughter's life, and the entry for 19 March 1815 recording the dream that the baby came back.

THE WORLD SHE WROTE IN (FREE, PUBLIC DOMAIN)

Milton, John. *Paradise Lost*. 1667. *Project Gutenberg*, www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/26.

The novel's epigraph, and the book the creature finds and reads inside the story. Read his speech beside Milton's Adam.

Godwin, William. *An Enquiry Concerning Political Justice*. 1793.

Her father, arguing that people are made by circumstance, not born good or wicked. The creature puts that argument on trial. Her mother's case is worth reading too: Mary Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, ebook 3420.

Lawrence, William. *Lectures on Physiology, Zoology, and the Natural History of Man*. 1819.

The book that cost its author his hospital post. Lawrence argued life needs no added spirit, only organisation, against his former mentor John Abernethy. He was also the Shelley household's physician.

THE MODERN SCIENCE, AND ONE OPEN ARGUMENT

van Dijk, J. Gert, et al. "Timing of Circulatory and Neurological Events in Syncope." *Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine*, vol. 7, art. 36, 2020, doi.org/10.3389/fcvm.2020.00036.

Open access. Where the eight-second figure comes from: how fast consciousness goes when circulation stops.

Starzl, Thomas E. "The Landmark Identical Twin Case." *JAMA*, vol. 251, no. 19, 1984, pp. 2572-73.

Free through PubMed Central. The 1954 kidney transplant, why it had to be done between twins, and the 82 minutes it went without blood.

James, Edward, and Farah Mendlesohn, editors. *The Cambridge Companion to Science Fiction*. Cambridge UP, 2003.

Chapter 1 argues this novel heads the tradition of *anti-science fiction*; chapter 12 calls it the founding work of the field. Brian Aldiss (*Billion Year Spree*, 1973) says it is simply the first. Still unsettled.



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