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# I Can Write a Spooky Story



*Mary Shelley*

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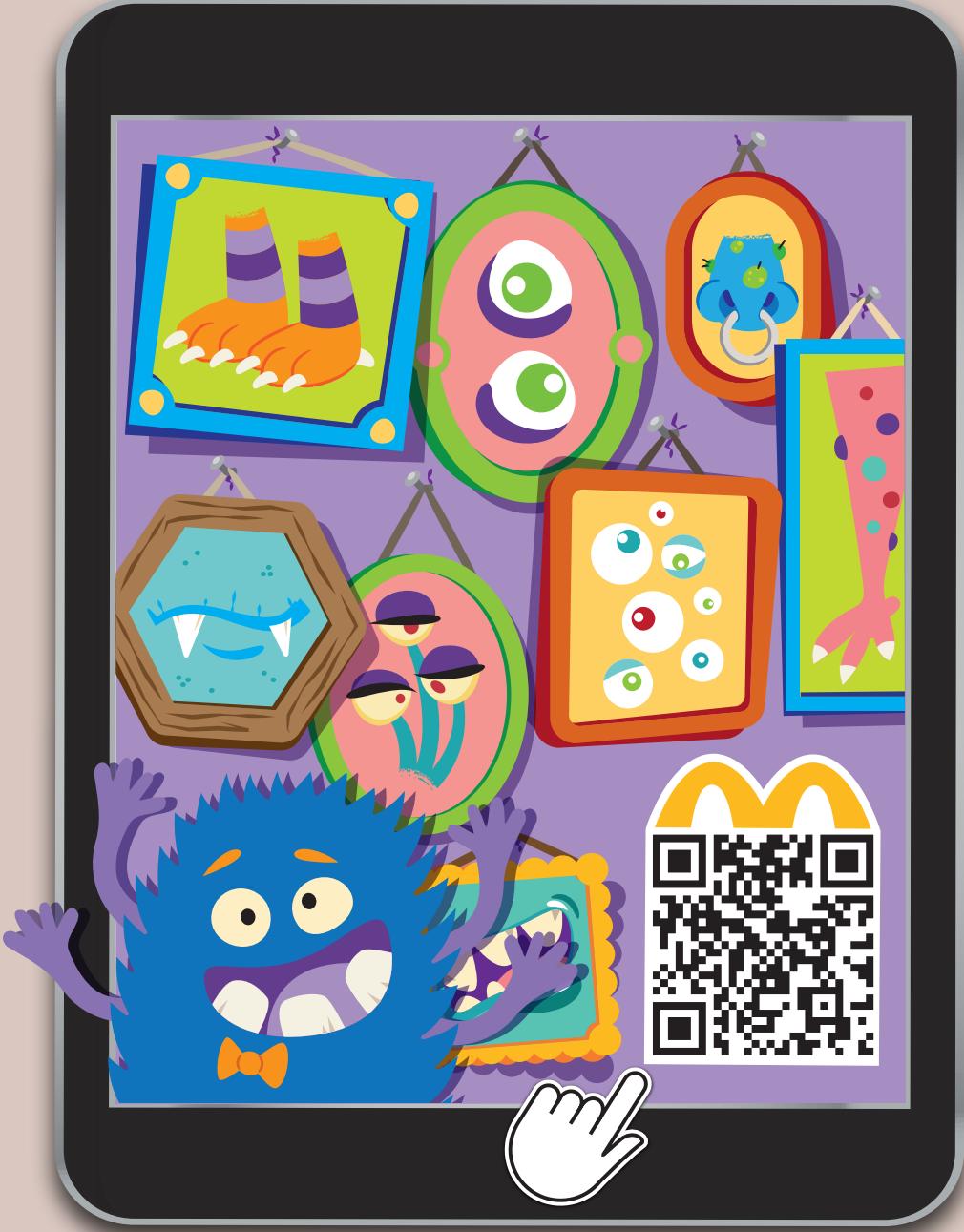
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You're about to  
meet one of the world's  
greatest writers. Mary had  
hopes, fears, joys and challenges  
– and her own unique dream.

Her story shows that if you follow  
your own dream and believe in  
yourself, you can do anything!



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**MARY SHELLEY**



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Baby Mary was the child of two writers.  
She was born in England at a time of  
great change and amazing inventions.



Sadly, Mary's mother died when she was a baby. When she grew up, she often visited her mother's grave, where she spent hours reading and writing stories.









Back home, she would hide behind the sofa and listen to the many writers who visited her father. One of them was a young poet.

He and Mary fell in love and went travelling through Europe together.





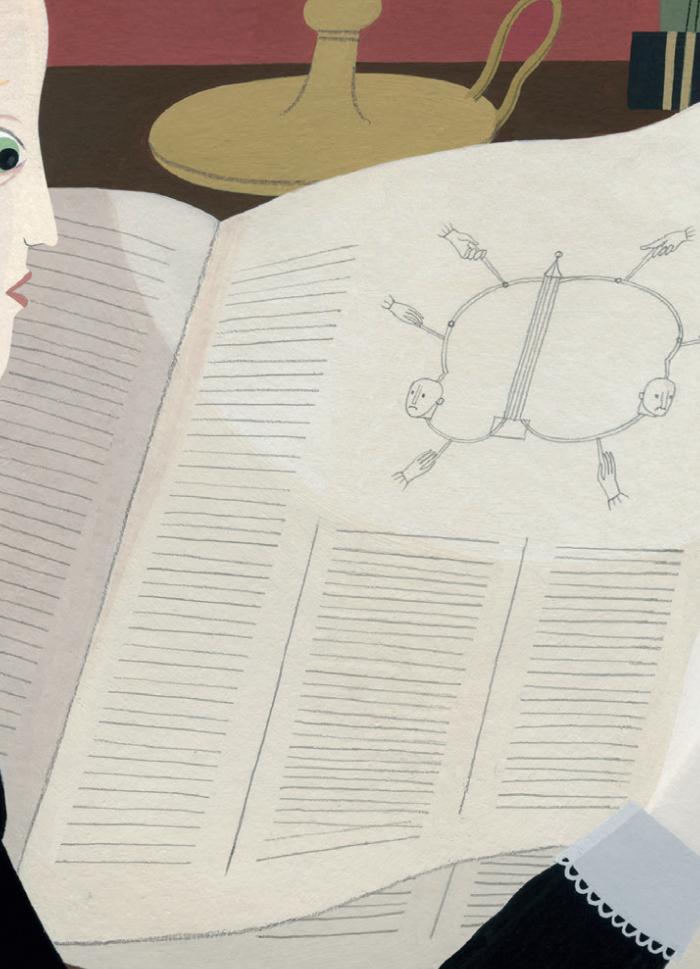


One rainy summer, they visited a fellow poet in Switzerland. To pass the time, he challenged his guests to write a scary story.



For days, Mary tried to think of an idea for her story. Around this time, scientists discovered that the brain uses electricity to move the body. Mary found this fascinating.

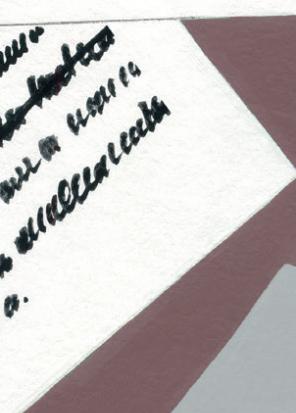
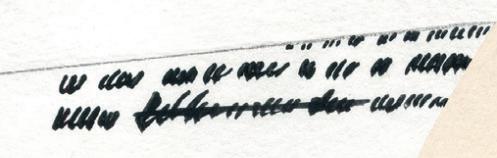






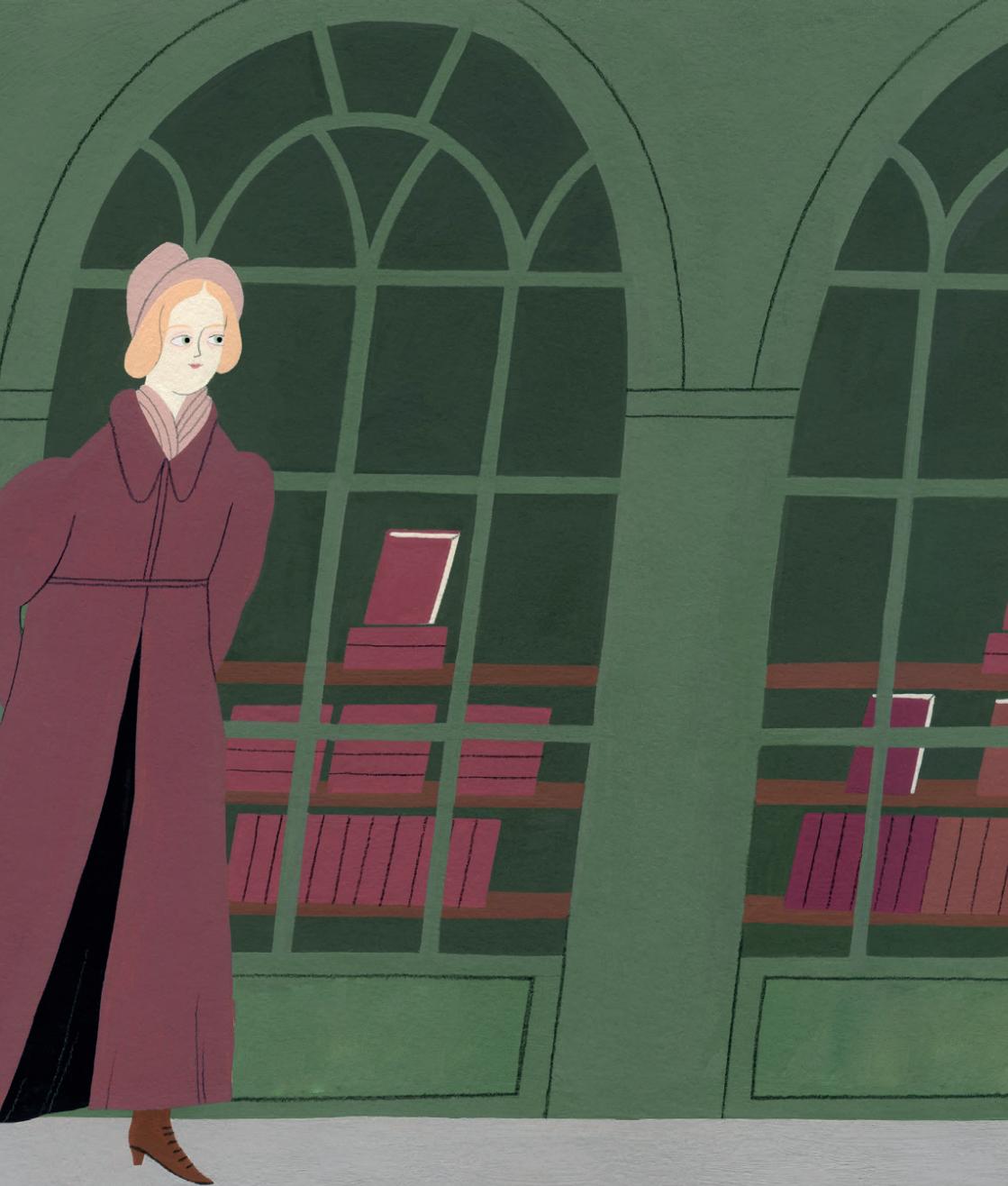


One night, she dreamt of a scary  
creature made of old body parts.



The next morning, she began to write *Frankenstein*, the story of a monster with yellow skin and watery eyes, brought to life with a spark of electricity.





When Mary's book was published, it was an instant success! It became a classic, retold again and again.





And still today, readers feel a chill when they read *Frankenstein* – one of the greatest scary stories ever, from the imagination of a fearless writer.

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# Glossary

**Invention** – a new machine or a new way of doing something that did not exist before

**Poet** – a person who writes poems. Poems are pieces of writing that use carefully chosen words to express feelings or ideas

**Published** – made into a printed book and sold

**Classic** – a book, film or piece of music that is recognised to be the very best

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## I Can Write a **Spooky Story**

Discover the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream.

As a child, Mary loved to read and write stories. As an adult, she was inspired to create one of the most famous scary stories ever written.

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