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Dr. Victor Frankenstein
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Dr. Victor Frankenstein is the figment of the imagination of British writer **Mary Shelley**, wife to poet Percy Bysshe Shelley. ***Frankenstein: or, the Modern Prometheus*** is a **Gothic novel** that can also be considered as one of the earliest examples of **science fiction**. Mary Shelly wrote it in **Geneva** (Switzerland), which also provided the setting for the novel itself. The year was **1816**, and Mary was seeking shelter from the scandal broken in England subsequent to her **elopement** with Shelley, and their ambiguous relationship with her own step-sister **Claire Clairmont**. In Geneva Mary, Percy and Claire joined another British social outcast, **Lord Byron**, who was staying at **Villa Diodati** with his friend **William Polidori**. Rumor has it that during a stormy summer they would entertain themselves with German ghost stories until they eventually decided to write one each. The two most original were Polidori's ***The Vampyre*** and Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*.

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