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## Chapter 1 : Full text of " A Dictionary Of Literary And Thematic Terms"

*Indelible impressions: gender and language in Mary Shelley's Frankenstein / Ashley J. Cross --Mary Shelley's letters: the public/private self / Betty T. Bennett --Responsible creativity and the "modernity" of Mary Shelley's Prometheus / Harriet Hustis --Altered by a thousand distortions: dream-work in Mary Shelley's early novels / L. Adam.*

The Origins of the Species: The Defence of Poetry "The stars shone at intervals, as the clouds passed over them; the dark pines rose before me, and every here and there a broken tree lay on the ground; it was a scene of wonderful solemnity, and stirred strange thoughts within me. That forest, remote and overgrown, is so full of interest, has reached such proportions, that an attempt at formal exploration is necessary. Trails have been blazed, exciting footpaths run here and there; but the present author hopes boldly to drive a new motorway through the heart of the forest. Without marking every tree, we will provide a contour map of the whole science fiction landscape. In this first chapter, we attend to three matters. We look at the dream world of the Gothic novel, from which science fiction springs; we identify the author whose work marks her out as the first science fiction writer; and we investigate the brilliant context -- literary, scientific, and social -- from which she drew life and inspiration. As a preliminary, we need a definition of science fiction. What is science fiction? Many definitions have been hammered out. Most of them fail because they have regard to content only, and not to form. The following may sound slightly pretentious for a genre that has its strong fun side, but we can modify it as we go along. Science fiction is the search for a definition of man and his status in the universe which will stand in our advanced but confused state of knowledge science , and is characteristically cast in the Gothic or post-Gothic mould. Conversely, the more ordinary and fallible the protagonist, the further from hard-core. In many cases, it is impossible to separate science fiction from science fantasy, or either from fantasy, since both genres are part of fantasy. Wells pointed to a similarity between the two genres when he said of his early stories, "Hitherto, except in exploration fantasies, the fantastic element was brought in by magic. Frankenstein, even, uses some jiggery-pokery magic to animate his artificial monster. But by the end of last century it had become difficult to squeeze even a momentary belief out of magic any longer. It occurred to me that instead of the usual interview with the devil or a magician, an ingenious use of scientific patter might with advantage be substituted. I simply brought the fetish stuff up to date, and made it as near actual theory as possible. Fantasy is almost as avid in assimilating science: In its wider sense, fantasy clearly embraces all science fiction. But fantasy in a narrower sense, as opposed to science fiction, generally implies a fiction leaning more towards myth or the mythopoeic than towards an assumed realism. You have to understand that the science fiction search for that "definition of man" is often playful. Definitions, after all, are to assist, not overpower, thinking. If all this sounds somewhat all-embracing, nevertheless this volume errs on the side of exclusiveness. Thus, The Epic of Gilgamesh, with the world destroyed by flood, the Hindu mythology, the Odyssey, Beowulf, the Bible -- and practically everything down to Mickey Mouse Weekly -- has been claimed at one time or another by science fiction fans with colonial ambitions. The phrase in my definition about "advanced knowledge" takes care of that bit of grandiose aspiration. Science fiction is now, not then. Frontiers are by tradition a bit vague. Happily, it is a simple matter to identify the first true example of the genre. The term "science fiction" is a recent one. It was coined in the late s, as an improvement on the more ludicrous term "scientifiction," long after the genre itself had come into being. It was then applied to crudely written stories appearing in various American magazines, of which Amazing Stories onwards was the first. For more respectable forays into the same fields, the label "scientific romance" was used. Potted histories of the genre take their potted historians back cantering briskly through Greek legends of flying gods like Hermes and satirical voyages to Moon and stars undertaken by Lucian of Samosata in the second century A. One of the more learned anthologists, in a Croatian science fiction anthology, enlists Dante and Shakespeare to the ranks, 2 while the first chapter of Genesis has also been claimed, perhaps with more justification. Such trawls for illustrious ancestors are understandable, in critics as in families. But they lead to error, the first error being the

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error of spurious continuity -- of perceiving a connection or influence where none exists; forgetting that writers write with the flux of life going on about them, scholars rake through their books and pass over in a couple of pages the thirteen long centuries that lie between Lucian and Ariosto. It is not necessary to leave this planet Earth to be a science fiction writer; indeed, it is not even necessary to write about technological developments; the effect of those developments may provide more imaginative scope. A Lucian-to-Verne approach to science fiction is mistaken, leading to misinterpretation of the nature and role of science fiction. Science fiction, like most branches of art today, is more aware than ever before of its own nature. The greatest successes of science fiction are those which deal with man in relation to his changing surroundings and abilities: While thinking in these terms, it will be appropriate to regard Lucian and the other pilgrim fathers as near and cherished relations to science fiction writers, as we regard the great apes as near and cherished relations of man, to be allowed all due respect for primogeniture. The evolutionary revolution and the Industrial Revolution occurred in the same period of time. The quickening tempo of manufacture becomes most noticeable in Great Britain in the second half of the eighteenth century, at a time when populations were beginning to increase rapidly. This traditional incentive to industrial advance was coupled with the roster of inventions with which we are familiar from school: Industry was not alone in undergoing transformation. It is no coincidence that the abolition of slavery was a burning issue at this time. Or that Western man now began to alter his attitude towards his God. It was in this changeable cultural climate that science fiction first emerges -- with a discretely blasphemous nature that it still retains. Speculations on evolution and natural selection were current at the end of the eighteenth century. The ancient Greeks had held enlightened views on these matters, Thales believing that all life originated in water and Anaximenes holding that life came into being spontaneously from the primaevial slime. But, in Christian Europe, the Bible defeated any such ideas, and a literal interpretation of Genesis still generally held sway. The debate on whether species were fixed or mutable was a long one. It gained point and savour in the eighteenth century from the impact of Pacific exploration. The world of the South Seas -- the first region of the globe to be opened up scientifically -- provided new stimulus to old questions of how our planet, its animals, and men, had come about. Erasmus Darwin was a doctor by profession, and a contemporary of Diderot and the Cyclopaedists, fired by their ideas. He was a witty and forceful talker with an enquiring mind. Many inventions stand to his credit, such as new types of carriages and coal carts, a speaking machine, a mechanical ferry, rotary pumps, and horizontal windmills. He seems also to have invented -- or at least proposed -- a rocket motor powered by hydrogen and oxygen. His rough sketch shows the two gases stored in separate compartments and fed into a cylindrical combustion chamber with exit nozzle at one end -- a good approximation of the workings of a modern rocket, and formulated considerably before the ideas of the Russian rocket pioneer Tsiolkovsky were put to paper. The best discussion of this most interesting man and his thoughts and inventions is by Desmond King Hele. He gained -- and soon lost -- fame as a poet. In his long poems he laid out his findings on evolution and influenced the great poets of his day. His is the case of a once-gigantic, now-vanished reputation. It explains the system of sexual selection, with emphasis on primaevial promiscuity, the search for food, and the need for protection in living things, and how these factors, interweaving with natural habitats, control the diversity of life in all its changing forms. The philosophical movements of the nineteenth century which were tinged with Darwinism tended towards pessimism; philosophical men like Tennyson were all too aware of "Nature red in tooth and claw. It is easy to imagine that his century would have withstood the shock of evolutionary theory better than its successor. The extract is from the last canto of *The Temple of Nature*, posthumously published in 1850. In this poem of four cantos and some two thousand lines, he speaks of the way in which a mammal foetus relives the previous stages of evolution and of the survival of the fittest, as well as prophesying with remarkable accuracy many features of modern life, such as gigantic skyscraper cities, piped water, the age of the automobile, overpopulation, and fleets of nuclear submarines: Bid raised in air the ponderous structure stand, Or pour obedient rivers through the land; With crowds unnumbered crowd the living streets, Or people oceans with triumphant fleet. Thus does Erasmus Darwin qualify as a part-time science fiction writer! His

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thrusts at church and state brought opposition and his voice was effectively silenced. That electricity could ever have widespread practical applications, that mankind could have evolved from lowly life forms, that the hills could be older than the Bible claimed -- these were the sorts of madneses which set readers of the Anti-Jacobin tittering, as later generations would scoff at ideas of space travel. As for his reputation as scientific innovator -- that also was brought into shade; and once the famous grandson appeared luminous on the scene, eclipse was total. Attempts to reinstate this interesting and delightful man are recent. As we might expect, it particularly affected those poets whose response to nature was closest to his own -- the Romantics. Shelley was a poet of science, a rebel, an atheist, an ardent lover of freedom and the west wind. No wonder he admired Darwin, in whom these qualities were strong. Although Godwin and Darwin never met, they had connections and sympathies in common, and were pilloried together as atheistical writers, most notably in the Anti-Jacobin. Godwin was a novelist and liberal philosopher whose reputation stood high among the poets and writers of his time. He married Mary Wollstonecraft , another contributor to the debate of the age, especially in her *Vindication of the Rights of Women* After various misfortunes, Mary Wollstonecraft married Godwin and bore him a daughter, Mary. This Mary grew up to write *Frankenstein*; she is one of the chief subjects of this chapter. Her writings were Gothic in character, *Frankenstein* included. Edmund Burke published his essay on the *Sublime and Beautiful* in It became an arbiter of taste for many decades, and its influence lingers today. Burke distinguished between beauty, which is founded on pleasure and is placid, and the sublime , which inspires awe and terror and, with pain as its basis, disturbs the emotions. Art, as usual, copied art. The Ossian poems made their appearance from to In *The Castle of Otranto* was published pseudonymously. It was so popular that the author, Horace Walpole, bashfully came forward and admitted his identity in a preface to the second edition. *The Castle of Otranto* stands as the earliest Gothic novel. One commentator claims that the whole Gothic revival began with a dream. When he woke, he began writing his novel. His most lively monument is not Otranto but Strawberry Hill, his residence, which was his own conception, built in Gothic style. He was much influenced by the *Prisons of Piranesi* 9 -- another artist, like Stubbs, in vogue today. This single and singular novel by the eccentric William Beckford is full of magic and wit.

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John Acknowledgments It is difficult to find an adequate way to acknowledge all the friends, colleagues and teachers who have helped make this book a reality. Hoy and David M. Nothing made my graduate years in California more meaningful than the friends who, in their different ways, provided support and comradeship: Friendships old and new in India, especially with K. Lalita, Janaki Nair, R. Vasantha, Rajeswari Sunder Rajan, and Susie Tharu have been sustaining me and helped me to finish this book. I am particularly grateful to Vivek Dhareshwar for all the intellectual inspiration he has shared at so many moments. Tejaswini Niranjana has been of invaluable help in thinking about our postcolonial trajectories over the years. But for Satish Deshpande, this book would not have been possible. Special thanks to Naomi Schneider at the University of California Press and to Ruth Behar, Kamala Visweswaran, and the other anonymous readers of the manuscript for their generosity and encouragement. Tensions, conflicts, and challenges of all kinds—some would even call them crises—characterize feminist work in many parts of the world. The essays brought together here traverse the contemporary feminist field by charting a passage between India and the United States. Taking their cue from recent debates around colonialism and nationalism, they attempt to interrogate the theoretical and political claims embedded in feminist scholarship in order to broaden the frames of reference within which such claims must be evaluated in a rapidly changing international context. One of the notions third-world intellectuals have brought into circulation in the wake of their encounter with Western locations and theories especially poststructuralism is "the postcolonial. It has sometimes been used as a marker underlining the dislocations experienced by third-world intellectuals residing in the first world; at other times, it has functioned as the label for an epoch, referring to the careers and cultures of the ex-colonies after their emergence as independent nations. This study does not set itself the task of adjudicating between these uses. The point is to see what discrepancies become visible when theories are understood as being bound up with historical locations—within the West as much as within the postcolony. The power of the West is manifested, of course, in its ability to project its influence beyond its own geonational borders—to render selectively permeable the boundaries of other states and nations. As a consequence, the lives of peoples everywhere have been enmeshed in transformative processes for centuries now. Even emancipatory programs such as the feminist one have not remained immune to this geopolitical configuration. In this book I trace a series of responses to the experiences of Western domination from personal, political, and theoretical perspectives. Each chapter opens up the West to a different kind of reading in order to prepare the ground for alternate theorizations of the divergences and connections between feminists in the United States and India. The stage is set in chapter one through a discussion of the subject positions available to third-world feminists in the first world. The anthropological imperative to translate other cultures for the West can turn postcolonial feminists into "third-world women" for first-world agendas. Living in the West, however, has also offered an opportunity: Chapter two takes up the institution of "theory," which has been so decisive for feminist and postcolonial scholarship. I argue, in an effort to make such theory give up its universalistic assumptions, that postcolonial and feminist theorists need to become more aware of the partial and composite characteristics of the theories they depend on. Greater self-reflexivity about the biases, discrepant registers, and different forms of analysis of "theory" will, I believe, enable it to "travel" better into the postcolony. Such considerations could also be a useful corrective to relativistic moves that look upon "East" and "West" as unconnected entities, to be somehow understood in their own indigenous terms. Expanding upon arguments and concerns expressed in the previous chapters, I use a historical, genealogical approach to examine the rise of gender as a

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new category of analysis within the conjunctures of the eighties and nineties in the U. The oft-repeated slogan calling for the integration of gender with race, class, and sexuality provides no clues to the often divergent or asymmetrical trajectories of these terms in their relation to feminist scholarship and politics. Given the conflicts around difference that characterize U. Moreover, because the international circulation of scholarship is directly related to what is dominant in the geographical West, an understanding of the heterogeneous character of U. I have been particularly concerned with questions of race and the demands of women of color, both for what they tell us about Western culture and in the belief that these issues might speak to the impasses besetting contemporary feminist debates in India. Chapter four makes the transition from the United States to India, as the site from which I write. In chapter one, the metaphor of anthropology is employed to highlight aspects of the multiple subject positions of a third-world feminist in the first world. Anthropology is taken up somewhat differently in chapter four to discuss the largely suppressed issue of national location. Using recent debates in Western feminist ethnography as a wedge, I try to show how inequalities between first- and third-world locations translate into an association of feminism with the West. It would seem from these ethnographic debates that only "women" live in the third world— not the institutions or subjects of feminism. As in chapter three, my perspective is a historical one: This book has been in the making over a historically significant period of time. The first three chapters were written in the United States between and — between the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the onset of the Gulf War. The final chapter was largely conceived in India a few years later, during a period of unprecedented national transformation. Each of the chapters has its own theme and mode of approach. At the same time, they do not stand alone but are meant to be read together. Indeed, they need one another in order to substantiate a set of interrelated claims about differences, linkages, and power relations in contemporary feminist scholarship. Questions of location are becoming increasingly elusive today, historically and theoretically. Whether it be the ambivalent meanings embedded in the term "postcolonial" or the contemporary processes of globalization to which the Indian nation is a latecomer, the present trend seems marked by an unwillingness to recognize nations as places defined by difference and domination. Thus, for instance, the urban middle classes in India today seek to erase their colonial past by claiming to have the same right as anyone else to the images, goods, and lifestyles of "the world. The following chapters do not simply seek to reverse such global currents. The time when national identity could be claimed easily seems to have gone, especially for feminists. In attempting to think through the realities of Western power, and by affirming a politics of location, I have tried to conceive of the beginnings of an alternate internationalism for feminist theorists who wish to be equally accountable to unequal places. What makes us decide we have to re-educate ourselves, even those of us with "good" educations? Whether couched in the older terminology of the "universal" intellectual or the claims and potential of "specific" intellectuals, the debate shows few signs of coming to a close. He has argued for a mode of critical political activity based on a specific relation to local power through expertise. Moreover, what further questions could one raise about the specificity of such specific intellectuals? As a third-world feminist who initiated these reflections while studying "theory" in the first world as a doctoral student, how might I take the following commitment seriously? I have always been concerned with linking together as tightly as possible the historical and theoretical analysis of power relations, institutions and knowledge, to the movements, critiques, and experiences that call them into question in reality. Many have highlighted the ritualistic and, therefore, dissatisfying aspects of such exercises; such criticism may help account for the limited number of actual examples available. The ironies that accompany the following interrogation, initiated in the United States, a country placed at the culmination of History, should not be lost on anyone. Such a decision is, without a doubt, overdetermined by class aspirations. A common point of reference is the peculiar nature of its development as a class under colonial rule, beginning in the eighteenth century. Here is a standard description: The British attempted as part of their educational policy to create a class comparable to their own, so that it might assist them in the administration of the country and help in the development of its internal resources, necessary for the payment of the increasing imports of British manufacture. These ideas and institutions of a

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middle class social order. Keeping the beginnings of the British middle classes as backdrop where the rapid expansion in trade and industry threw up a concomitant group of professionals the dissimilarity of the Indian case stands out in sharp silhouette. Our antecedents emerged within, and were transformed by, an economy that, far from creating an autonomous home market, was subjected to a colonial machinery for the development of empire elsewhere. Of course, it should go without saying that the Indian middle classes were and are a heterogeneous group, landed and mercantilist as much as professional and administrative. At least among the intellectual avant garde, it has become increasingly common to question the notion of development, with its underlying implication that Western history is the only model of progress. Yet in listening to a discussion on the self-conceptions of the Indian intelligentsia here, between the Indian art critic Geeta Kapur and the Sri Lankan feminist Laleen Jayamanne one has to think carefully about the kind of rupture the intervening centuries and the achievement of political independence have wrought. A pious wish that matters were otherwise would be out of place. If the historical formation of the class that effectively came to direct the Indian nation is often alluded to, so is the conspicuous presence of women among its professional ranks. One of the legacies of the Indian nationalist movement is that middle and upper class women have been less invisible within academic and public institutions than their counterparts in the geographical West. To give a particularly striking historical example, two women graduated from Calcutta University in , before women in Britain were granted academic credentials. Or think of Toru Dutt , who published her first book of verse translations, *A Sheaf Gleaned from French Fields* , at the age of twenty. This was by no means an uncomplicated process of Westernization it was precisely such women who were subjected to profoundly modern reinventions of tradition in the battle for a national culture. Formal education became not only acceptable, but in fact a requirement for the new bhadramahila respectable woman , when it was demonstrated that it was possible for a woman to acquire the cultural refinements afforded by modern education without jeopardising her place at home, i. Dealing as we are with a vastly uneven and unequal exchange between patriarchies, it is tempting to conclude, as Kumari Jayawardena has done, that revolutionary alternatives or radical social changes did not become an essential part of the demands of the nationalist movement at any stage of the long struggle for independence, and a revolutionary feminist consciousness did not arise within the movement for national liberation. Looking back on my own intellectual formation as a "daughter of independence," I am struck by the extent to which I could take the presence of women as peers and teachers for granted, even as powerful and diverse struggles by women were taking place, albeit overwhelmingly outside academic walls. There can be no question that men are still far more likely to know the prestige and privileges that professional qualifications bring. Under the circumstances of the continuing satellite status of third-world educational systems, the subsequent move to a U. Indeed, a closer look at my own generation of academic women, born well after Indian independence, reveals new twists in the mixed legacy of modernity and tradition. If earlier generations, still overwhelmingly formed within the private sphere, wrestled much more closely with the hub of "tradition" bequeathed by the nineteenth century, marking their subjectivity in terms of degrees of containment within its frames the home, religiosity, community, caste, and so on [14] the West has normed the questions and desires of postindependence women differently. In ways that will be amplified in chapter four, the imperative to Westernize in postindependence India came coded within the institutions, structures, and terminologies of modernization, progress, and secularism. These provided a space for some middle class women to articulate themselves beyond the confines of prior constructs of "tradition" and especially to take advantage of the mobilities of education. The promises of the new class have never been as fully emblazoned in the languages of English and the sciences as they are today. Formal education is, after all, also a process by which we learn to avow and remember certain knowledges and devalue and forget others. We grow up repudiating the local and the personal in favor of what will get us ahead and away thus coming of age within an intellectual field that, by no means arbitrarily, creates disinterest and oversight in some areas and directs desire elsewhere. It is within such an interlocking mechanism for the production of knowledges and "sanctioned ignorances" [15] that our subjectivities are forged. This apparatus makes our

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transition to first-world institutions, especially in the United States, quite possibly among the smoothest within the third-world. What happens to us after we go West? In her powerful and arresting essay, "Notes toward a Politics of Location," the U. As a woman I want no country. As a woman my country is the whole world. I call them scenarios to make room for their staged, almost theatrical qualities and to deemphasize their constructedness around my own experiences. As much impositions as inventions, they are uncertain explorations around the possibilities and disturbances living in the United States came to throw up. None of them is complete or consistent, nor could they be. In these next pagesâ€”not unlike what has come beforeâ€”the problems with the "I" and "we" slots are obvious. Each of them asserts too much:

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### Chapter 3 : Aldiss, "The Origins of the Species"

*FRANKENSTEIN MARY SHELLEY* *Altered by a thousand distortions: dream-work in Mary Shelley's early novels / L. Adam Mekler -- Frankenstein.*

That apparition, sole of men, he saw. For know there are two worlds of life and death: Prometheus Unbound, act 1 The motion-picture viewer who carries his obscure but still authentic taste for the sublime to the neighborhood theater, there to see the latest in an unending series of Frankensteins, becomes a sharer in a romantic terror now nearly years old. Mary Shelley, barely 19 years of age when she wrote the 1 2 Introduction original *Frankenstein*, was the daughter of two great intellectual rebels, William Godwin and Mary Wollstonecraft, and the second wife of Percy Bysshe Shelley, another great rebel and an unmatched lyrical poet. Had she written nothing, Mary Shelley would be remembered today. She is remembered in her own right as the author of a novel valuable in itself but also prophetic of an intellectual world to come, a novel depicting a Prometheism that is with us still. A critical discussion of *Frankenstein* needs to begin from an insight first recorded by Richard Church and Muriel Spark: Spark states the antithesis too cleanly; for her Victor *Frankenstein* represents the feelings, and his nameless creature the intellect. The antithesis between the scientist and his creature in *Frankenstein* is a very complex one and can be described more fully in the larger context of Romantic literature and its characteristic mythology. The shadow or double of the self is a constant conceptual image in Blake and Shelley and a frequent image, more random and descriptive, in the other major Romantics, especially in Byron. In *Frankenstein* it is the dominant and recurrent image and accounts for much of the latent power the novel possesses. Prometheus is the mythic figure who best suits the uses of Romantic poetry, for no other traditional being has in him the full range of Romantic moral sensibility and the full Romantic capacity for creation and destruction. No Romantic writer employed the Prometheus archetype without a full awareness of its equivocal potentialities. The Prometheus of the ancients had been for the most part a spiritually reprehensible figure, though frequently a sympathetic one, in terms both of his dramatic situation and in his close alliance with mankind against the gods. Both sides of Titanism are evident in earlier Christian references to the story. The same Prometheus who is taken as an analogue of the crucified Christ is regarded also as a type of Lucifer, a son of light justly cast out by an offended heaven. Blake, more systematic a poet than Shelley, worked out an antithesis between symbolic figures he named Spectre and Emanation, the shadow of desire and the total form of desire, respectively. My Spectre around me night and day Like a Wild beast guards my way. My Emanation far within Weeps incessantly for my Sin. A Fathomless and boundless deep, There we wander, there we weep; On the hungry craving wind My Spectre follows thee behind. This nameless being, as much a Modern Adam as his creator is a Modern Prometheus, is more lovable than his creator and more hateful, more to be pitied and more to be feared, and above all more able to give the attentive reader that shock of added consciousness in which aesthetic recognition compels a heightened realization of the self. *Frankenstein* is the mind and emotions turned in upon themselves, and his creature is the mind and emotions turned imaginatively outward, seeking a greater humanization through a confrontation of other selves. Because it lacks the sophistication and imaginative complexity of such works, *Frankenstein* affords a unique introduction to the archetypal world of the Romantics. Certainly Shelley was worried lest the novel be taken as a warning against the inevitable moral consequences of an unchecked Introduction 5 experimental Prometheism and scientific materialism. The preface insists that: The opinions which naturally spring from the character and situation of the hero are by no means to be conceived as existing always in my own conviction; nor is any inference justly to be drawn from the following pages as prejudicing any philosophical doctrine of whatever kind. In the same summer in the Swiss Alps that saw the conception of *Frankenstein*, Shelley composed two poems that lift the thematic conflict of the novel to the level of the true sublime. The force, or power, is there, behind or within the mountain, but its external workings upon us are either indifferent or malevolent, and this power is not to be prayed to. It can teach us, but what it teaches us is our

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own dangerous freedom from nature, the necessity for our will to become a significant part of materialistic necessity. In Prometheus Unbound the split between head and heart is not healed, but the heart is allowed dominance. The hero, Prometheus, like Frankenstein, has made a monster, but this monster is Jupiter, the God of all institutional and historical religions, including organized Christianity. Salvation from this conceptual error comes through love alone; but love in this poem, as elsewhere in Shelley, is always closely shadowed by ruin. Indeed, what choice spirits in Shelley perpetually encounter is ruin masquerading as love, pain presenting itself as pleasure. The first is that Frankenstein was successful, in that he did create Natural Man, not as he was, but as the meliorists saw such a man; indeed, Frankenstein did better than this, since his creature was, as we have seen, more imaginative than himself. The second paradox is the more ironic. As the creature bitterly observes in chapter 17, Shall I respect man when he contemns me? Let him live with me in the interchange of kindness, and instead of injury I would bestow every benefit upon him with tears of gratitude at his acceptance. But that cannot be; the human senses are insurmountable barriers to our union. It would not be unjust to characterize Victor Frankenstein, in his act of creation, as being momentarily a moral idiot, like so many who have done his work after him. The Ancient Mariner is punished by living under the curse of his consciousness of guilt, while the excruciating torment of Frankenstein is never to be able to forget his guilt in creating a lonely consciousness driven to crime by the rage of unwilling solitude. In an age so given to remarkable depictions of the dignity of natural man, an age including the shepherds and beggars of Wordsworth and what W. Remember that I am thy creature; I ought to be thy Adam, but I am rather the fallen angel, whom thou drivest from joy for no misdeed. Everywhere I see bliss, from which I alone am irrevocably excluded. I was benevolent and good; misery made me a fiend. Make me happy, and I shall again be virtuous. Did I request thee, Maker, from my clay To mold me man? Did I solicit thee From darkness to promote me? His first pleasure after the dawn of consciousness comes through his wonder at seeing the moon rise. Caliban-like, he responds wonderfully to music, both natural and human, and his sensitivity to the natural world has the responsiveness of an incipient poet. His awakening to a first love for other beings, the inmates of the cottage he haunts, awakens him also to the great desolation of love rejected when he attempts to reveal himself. It moved every feeling of wonder and awe that the picture of an omnipotent God warring with his creatures was capable of exciting. I often referred the several situations, as their similarity struck me, to my own. Like Adam, I was apparently united by no link to any other being in existence, but his state was far different from mine in every other respect. He had come forth from the Introduction 9 hands of God a perfect creature, happy and prosperous, guarded by the especial care of his Creator; he was allowed to converse with and acquire knowledge from beings of a superior nature; but I was wretched, helpless, and alone. Many times I considered Satan as the fitter emblem of my condition, for often, like him, when I viewed the bliss of my protectors, the bitter gall of envy rose within me. From a despair this profound, no release is possible. Frankenstein breaks through the barrier that separates man from God and gives apparent life, but in doing so he gives only death-in-life. A Romantic poet fought against self-consciousness through the strength of what he called imagination, a more than rational energy by which thought could seek to heal itself. His desperate desire for a mate is clearly an attempt to find a Shelleyan Epipsyche or Blakean Emanation for himself, a self within the self. Romantic poets liked to return to the imagery of the ocean of life and immortality, for in the eddying to and fro of the healing waters they could picture a hoped-for process of restoration, of a survival of consciousness despite all its agonies. Mary Shelley, with marvelous appropriateness, brings her Romantic novel to a demonic conclusion in a world of ice. The frozen sea is the inevitable emblem for both the wretched daemon and his obsessed creator, but the daemon is allowed a final image of reversed Prometheanism. There is a heroism fully earned in the being who cries farewell in a claim of sad triumph: The fire that on my bosom preys Is lone as some volcanic isle; No torch is kindled at its blaze— A funeral pile. The fire of increased consciousness stolen from heaven ends as an isolated volcano cut off from other selves by an estranging sea. There is no Promethean release, but release is perhaps not the burden of the literature of Romantic aspiration. There is something both Godwinian and Shelleyan about the final utterance of Victor Frankenstein, which is

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properly made to Walton, the failed Promethean whose ship has just turned back. Though chastened, Introduction 11 the Modern Prometheus ends with a last word true, not to his accomplishment, but to his desire: Seek happiness in tranquillity and avoid ambition, even if it be only the apparently innocent one of distinguishing yourself in science and discoveries. Yet why do I say this? I have myself been blasted in these hopes, yet another may succeed. The patient dreams of a repulsive individual who is always different but retains certain features throughout, and also shows certain traits resembling the dreamer. Eventually the time comes for the patient to understand that this individual is none other than himself, or rather his shadow, and this enables him to become fully aware of those aspects of his personality that he has refused to see One should of course, accept the shadow, but at the same time render it harmless. But at the same time it is the first of a new species—a robot, or more specifically, an android, programmed to destroy all whom its creator outwardly loves. Articulate, intelligent, and sensitive, the Monster argues eloquently for its right to exist, all the while murdering the innocent to punish the guilty and generally frightening the wits out of anyone it meets. On a larger scale it serves the same function. An orphan of science, created and abandoned, the Monster threatens to take out its anger and rejection on the species of man. They are the children, as it were, of Necessity and Human Nature In this the direct moral of the book consists Treat a person wicked and he will become wicked. For one thing, it is abominable. The classic monsters of legend, like the Minotaur, Dragon, or Gorgon, grotesquely combine the characteristics of more than one animal. As a result, they stand outside of the normal categories of nature. The Monster is even more horrible. Half human, half machine, it falls somewhere between life and death, a thing so unnatural that any human it meets responds with an instinctive and overwhelming loathing. The physical characteristics of the Monster are inherited from a whole family of humanoid monsters that stalk the world of folklore. As a girl growing up in England and Scotland, Mary Godwin no doubt heard some version of the series of legends of the monstrous offspring of Cain, of whom Grendel is the most familiar. This furcovered creature, half man, half animal, was supposed to inhabit the forests and glaciers of Europe. As old as the Gilgamesh epic and Genesis An outcast like our Monster, it was said to reach out from the darkness to attack the unwary. For this we must turn to a figure that, like Prometheus, was elevated to heroic status by many Romantic writers. Shelley, he was the monstrous double of Lucifer, Arch-angel turned Arch-destroyer, and his story a subtle argument from the Prince of Lies himself. Milton tells the apocryphal Christian myth of the Fall of the rebel angels and its effect upon human history. For their crime he and his legion of followers are cast out of Heaven into Hell and transformed into the hideous Satan and his crew of devils. In the infernal Palace of Pandemonium, they discuss how best to carry on the fight and finally resolve to become the implacable foes of humanity. While her references to the poem may be contradictory in a few places, in general they are not haphazard borrowings. Shelley found in Paradise Lost a pattern which could give form to her fears and mythic shape to her understanding of what technology threatened for the future. While planning his experiment, Victor felt like Lucifer:

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*Mary Shelley's Re-craft Shelley, New York, Bloom's Literary versioning of Elizabeth, from Frankenstein Criticism, , vii, pages. to Falkner (Betty T. Bennett) - To Speak Indelible impressions: gender and in Sanchean Phrase: Cervantes and the language in Mary Shelley's Frankenstein / Politics of Mary Shelley's History of a Six.*

For example, I believe that understanding of his achievement should be firmly based on his two major works, *Ulysses* and *Finnegans Wake*, even though they present features which are unexpected, and even forbidding, to admirers of his early writings. His work is a standing rebuke to the parochialism of much modern writing, and it is possible for students of the English and American novel, for example, to come to him with quite inappropriate assumptions. Whether or not Joyce is a novelist he is, I believe, one of the greatest masters of modern prose. It would be impossible to list the debts to teachers, students, friends, and colleagues which have been incurred during the gestation and writing of this book. But there have been many, many others. This book is dedicated to his memory. *The Critical Writings of James Joyce, ed. FW Finnegans Wake, 4th edn. GJ Giacomo Joyce, ed. II and III, ed. This is the definitive text, corrected from the Dublin holograph by Chester G. Anderson and edited by Richard Ellmann. However, at no point does the pagination differ by more than one page from that of other recent editions, such as those published in England by Penguin Books. SL Selected Letters, ed. U Ulysses, Harmondsworth Penguin Books IX Does the man exist who is able I do not mean on the literal level, but all the allusions, all the associations and cultural-mythic symbolisms, all the combined paradigms and archetypes on which these works stand and grow in glory? Certainly no one could manage it alone. No one, for that matter, could wade through the entire body of criticism that the prose of James Joyce has accumulated to date! They are comic and visionary writers, powerfully aware both of the plasticity of words and of the mass and texture of things. They are so individual that their work defies direct comparison, though it makes a suggestive initial contrast. They are Joyce and Dickens. Imaginary voices are prominent in his two most directly autobiographical works, the *Portrait of the Artist* and *Exiles*. The voices recur in a letter Joyce wrote twenty years later to his old college friend Constantine Curran. I am trying to finish my wip [ Work in Progress ]. Character in parts of *Ulysses* is reduced to the rambling voices of the interior monologue. No doubt Joyce as a young man emulated Dickens and roamed the streets of Dublin for hours at a stretch, since this is what the protagonist of *Stephen Hero* does SH In adult life he was content to be absent from the city, but he depended utterly on remembering and hearing it. He knew suffering and bitterness in his early life, and occasionally spoke about it with raw and passionate feeling. Here is a passage from a letter to Nora Barnacle, written when they had just met, in which he set out to describe his character: My home was simply a middle-class affair ruined by spendthrift habits which I have inherited. When I looked on her face as she lay in the coffin - a face grey and wasted with cancer - I understood that I was looking on the face of a victim and I cursed the system which had made her a victim. George Gissing, for example, had responded to the death of his first wife with a similarly resolute imprecation. In his novels he is not a passionate declaimer, as Dickens had been. Joyce too had some newspaper experience and incorporated many sorts of hack writing and speech-making into his fiction. Yet Joyce was not a natural journalist; what he wrote for the press is usually inhibited and musclebound. Whenever newspaper Joyce and the grotesque 3 oratory appears in his fiction it is as a borrowed style, ironically distanced - a bombast which he loves to parody but would never commit in propria persona. Was he a socialist? His art is constructed out of self-division and complexity. This is not to say that his response to oppression and injustice was a supine one. He took some pride, quite rightly, in being less gullible in political matters than such artistic contemporaries as Pound and Wyndham Lewis. Dickens was both a highly opinionated writer and one with an exceptional commercial flair. The occasions on which Joyce showed a genuinely commercial attitude to his fiction are remarkable for their rarity. One of the few blatant false starts in his career was his intention of following up *Dubliners* with a further collection of short stories to be called *Provincials* SL After Joyce was not only a leader of the avant-garde but was*

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peculiarly well-placed to follow T. His city is a prodigal, pulsating, shapeshifting place which he can go on creating afresh so long as there is the need to get a new book out of it. Each interstice of their structure is meticulously crammed with detail and colour. The order they reveal is one of decorative intensity rather than of mere narrative sequence. An extraordinary labour of compilation and collation went into their making. But there is one point on which Dickens and Joyce are in profound agreement. Their recreation of the cities they loved would - in contrast to those of most other writers - be unashamedly populist and plebeian. Their books take us into the streets and pubs of their cities because they share a fascination with the lives, experiences and modes of expression of ordinary people. Both are popular historians in the sense of giving written form to much that would otherwise perish, being in its nature oral, ephemeral or throwaway. *Ulysses* is not only a novel of the recent past but one with a precise date 16 June. Where for Dickens popular culture had been part of the irresistible material of storytelling, for Joyce it was something to be collected and exhibited; his work thus functions as a library or archive which confers permanence on the material deposited in it. Joyce, too, took pride in his Jesuit training and modelled himself on the rigour if not the theology of Joyce and the grotesque 5 St Thomas Aquinas. As a poet, he followed Pater and the Decadent school who saw the artist as a privileged being set above social and moral responsibilities. In drama he spurned what he saw as the political opportunism of the newly-formed Irish national theatre. A *Portrait of the Artist* shows Stephen rejecting his natural father in favour of Daedalus, the legendary embodiment of the lonely and innovating artist. The folklore which interested Joyce, however, was not that of the peasantry and the Celtic twilight but of his own circle. He had no time for the language revival, which was intent on creating an artificial culture in order to nurture the myths of Irish nationalism. Yet Joyce was neither unpatriotic nor indifferent to the Irish cultural heritage. Far from being the prisoner of a nationalist partyline, Ibsen was a cosmopolitan artist who nevertheless drew profoundly on Norwegian legends, traditions, and ways of life. Joyce returned to traditional Irish folklore in *Finnegans Wake* - written once Ireland 6 James Joyce had gained its independence - but in *Ulysses* he combines Greek mythology and the intellectual detritus of two thousand years with a wholly modernized, pragmatic and unidealized notion of culture. With it an abode of bliss. Equally natural, and equally defiant of conventional etiquette, is the literary gesture Joyce makes by including such doggerel in a work of art. In his time Joyce was much criticized for his anarchic, debunking attitude toward literary pieties. More recently he has been much admired for it. Without dismissing such reactions which Joyce clearly intended to provoke we should also remember his comment that *Ulysses* was fundamentally a humorous work, and that this would become obvious when the critical confusion about it had died down. The time-honoured place of anarchic humour in Western societies is represented by the institution of the carnival. Laughter goes with licence, and licence in all its forms - from the most disorganized to the most highly organized - takes a curiously parallel course to acts of political revolt and rebellion. The drunken orgy parallels the political riot words like mob and hooligan are Joyce and the grotesque 7 conventionally used of both, and, among the more stage-managed forms of festivity, the modern carnival queen is a descendant of the medieval Lord of Misrule. The world, as ordinarily experienced, is turned bottom upwards. Such a bottoms-up view deeply appealed to Joyce, for all sorts of reasons. He was no respecter of sexual conventions, and some of his letters to Nora, written during their brief separation in , go far beyond the usual bounds of discretion even in our present permissive half-century. A letter to his brother Stanislaus in contains the following abrupt, though eloquent, conclusion: Joyce, as any biographical summary will show, did not have an easy life despite a fair ration of success and good fortune. He portrayed Stephen Dedalus with full sincerity as a haunted young man, guilty, insecure, and obsessed with the recent death of his mother. But in his writing, as to a certain extent in his life, laughter and excess could hold misery at bay. It is no accident that Leopold Bloom, that masterpiece of comic fictional characterization, is the son of a suicide. The Irish wake, with its upside-down antidote to the gravity of mourning and bereavement, is the perfect symbol of Joycean comedy. But classical proportion and classical decorum are alien to most though not quite all of his writing. The Book of Kells is a manuscript of the Gospels, and W. The reason why the Book of Kells appealed so strongly to Joyce is, almost certainly, that it is

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one of the greatest traditional examples of the art of the grotesque. For a contemporary account of these forms we can turn to the Latin writer Vitruvius. Vitruvius was an official charged with the rebuilding of Rome under Augustus, to whom his treatise *On Architecture* is addressed. For how can a reed actually sustain a roof, or a candelabrum the ornaments of a gable? Yet when people view these falsehoods, they approve rather than condemn, failing to consider whether any of them can really occur or not. The grotesque involves a blurring of distinctions, a continual change from one type to another, a riot of incompleting forms. In modern aesthetics the term has become a generic one extending to the art of any period or nation. Hegel, for example, defined the grotesque with reference to Hindu sculpture. Like the Hindu temple sculptures, this ancient Irish art contains strong overtones of fertility symbolism. In his book on Rabelais, Bakhtin shows how the confrontation of the classical and the grotesque may be exemplified by a difference in bodily imagery. Classical art presents an entirely finished, completed, strictly limited body, which is shown from the outside as something individual. That which protrudes, bulges, sprouts, or branches off All orifices of the body are closed. The basis of the image is the individual, strictly limited mass, the impenetrable facade. The grotesque body, by contrast, is cosmic and universal. It stresses elements common to the entire cosmos:

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## Chapter 5 : Table of contents for Mary Shelley

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This new class discovered in the ideology of the German Aufklärung "Enlightenment" , with its emphasis on "reason," "good taste," and "the rights of man," a rationale that would justify their abandonment of many Jewish religious practices which had hindered their access to gentile society. They believed that the realization of this ideology would transform the Jews into productive and enlightened citizens of the emerging modern state. When the Hebrew writers of Germany began propagating the "new philosophy" they selected the Hebrew word *haskalah* as the equivalent for the German Aufklärung. *Haskalah* meant a commitment to reason rather than to revelation as the source of all truth, or, perhaps more correctly, the identification of revelation with reason. The *maskilim* averred that the practices, beliefs, and mores of Judaism and Jews must be in consonance with reason and that those which were not were basically not Jewish but distortions of the lofty purposes of Judaism. The *maskilim* chose as a model the enlightened gentile merchant class which had accepted good taste and reason as its two social criteria. Their world view included not only the realms of science and philosophy but also the whole area of social behavior and aesthetics. Jews must not only abandon their medieval patterns of thought but also their outlandish manners, dress, and taste and adopt those which are in accord with the new order of things. The task of the *maskil* was *lehaskil* "to be enlightened" and "to enlighten others". For the *maskil*, education was not only the tool for the dissemination of the new truth but formed the very basis of his aesthetic theory. The prime purpose of literature was to educate the reader morally, socially, and aesthetically. *Haskalah* literature was therefore didactic and propagandist, aiming at bringing enlightenment to the "benighted" and backward Jewish communities of Germany and Eastern Europe. It was natural for the *Haskalah* to choose Hebrew as its linguistic vehicle. The Yiddish dialects had no literary prestige at the time and were especially repugnant to *maskilim* who considered Yiddish to be a vulgar and ungrammatical corruption of German. Yiddish identified and isolated Jews from the general culture and underscored their cultural inferiority. On the other hand, Hebrew was not only the classical language of Judaism and the written language of its educated classes, but it also enjoyed enormous prestige in the non-Jewish world as the language of the Bible. Since educated and intelligent Jews of the old school could not read German, Hebrew served as the medium through which not only ideas of the *Haskalah* were disseminated but also, by means of appropriate translations and textbooks, as a vehicle to acquire German, the modern language most accessible to them. A major literary enterprise of the German *Haskalah* was the *Biur* publ. Thousands of Jews learned German through the *Biur*. In his literary and philosophical works he attempted to harmonize traditional Judaism with the new rationalist-deistic philosophy of his times. Mendelssohn also dealt with general philosophical problems and was accepted as a cultural, if not a social, equal in gentile circles – a symbol of the new type of Jew for both gentiles and Jews. Though he wrote very little Hebrew, he was the unchallenged leader of the German *Haskalah* and the initiator or at least the one who encouraged its main literary projects: The *Biur* was at first favorably received by Western European traditional Jewry but soon, for fear that it would lead to cultural assimilation, was denounced as heretical. On the other hand, enlightened Jews hailed it as a major achievement. It served as a textbook to generations of East European Jews in the study of literary German, which in turn was a means to obtain secular knowledge. It appeared intermittently until Its influence during the earlier years of the German *Haskalah* was great, but with the Germanization of Jewish intellectual life its circulation dropped off. Readers of German were unable to abide its lower literary and critical standards. It is significant only as a pioneering project of modern Hebrew literature. Through his pamphlet *Divrei Shalom ve-Emet* , an impassioned plea in support of the edict of toleration , he won renown as the foremost apologist of the *Haskalah*. In it he urged the adoption of modern educational methods and the

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need for "human" knowledge science, history, and social ethics as well as "religious" knowledge. Judged by modern standards, the poem has small literary merit; while it is written in an almost purely biblical style, it is imitative and lacks the conciseness and concreteness of the original biblical account. Moses is cast in the rationalist image of the Haskalah and the entire work is permeated with Haskalah preachments. From a formal point of view, Wessely introduces the alexandrine the syllable heroic line prevailing in the French poetry of his day which was to dominate early modern Hebrew poetry for half a century. Of particular interest are his prose introductions to the "books" of the poem which, although written in a period in which sentimentalism already predominates in German literature, still express earlier neoclassical views. Types of Literature The German Haskalah produced several epic poems besides the work of Wessely; most significant among them were Shalom b. A third genre was the Hebrew proverb or maxim in which Isaac Satanow excelled. Most of the poetry in this genre was a feeble imitation of contemporary German verse and moralistic or didactic in tone. The German Haskalah produced no remarkable narrative prose. He also wrote a number of works in Hebrew, almost all in philosophy, the physical sciences, and mathematics. Ancillary Centers of the Early Haskalah Besides the German authors, a number of maskilim continued the tradition of Hebrew writing in Italy. Not all "German" maskilim were natives of Germany. Solomon Maimon and Solomon b. In Lithuania a subcenter of the Haskalah developed in the town of Shklov and from there moved to St. The most important St. By only subscribers remained. In the meantime a Jewish literature in German, including a literary journal, began to develop. Prosperous Jewish merchants from Galicia involved in the export-import trade exporting agricultural products to Germany and importing manufactured goods often frequented the great trade fair at Leipzig where they met the new, enlightened German Jewish merchants. German-Jewish salesmen in turn came to the larger cities of Galicia bearing the new way of life with their wares. Centers of the Haskalah were soon established in Brody, Tarnopol, Lemberg, and Cracow in the early 19th century. Demographically the Jewish population of Galicia was larger and more concentrated than that of Prussia. Intellectually, however, it was uninfluenced by the indigenous Slavic communities of the area whose cultural level was on the whole inferior to that of the Jews. Galician maskilim looked to German as the language of European culture. Politically, it was in the interest of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy to encourage Jewish, pro-Austrian elements as a separatist counterforce to Polish nationalism. Consequently, the assimilationist factors which affected Prussian Jewry were far less felt in Galicia. They blamed him not only for the "heretical" views and practices taught at his schools but even more for his part in the imposition of the notorious and discriminatory candle tax from which he personally and illegally profited. Homberg also served as censor of Hebrew books. His critical and caustic reports about the backward social situation of the Jews and their inferior morals reinforced the antisemitic views of his patrons. In the wake of growing protests and accusations by the Jews, he was finally removed from his office in and the schools he established were gradually closed. Far more significant for the development of the Haskalah in Galicia was M. Mendel Levin ultimately returned to Galicia, living most of the time in Brody. There he became a leader of the first generation of the Galician Haskalah and a friend of N. He is also one of the early writers of modern Yiddish. A key literary figure of this early period is the poet Shalom Cohen. Polish born, he too came to Berlin in the s joining N. The major contribution of the Galician Haskalah was in the area of Jewish studies. The first generation of German maskilim had attempted studies in this field but, except for some grammatical works, their achievements were awkwardly unprofessional. In Galicia, however, Hebrew remained the language of modern Jewish scholarship. Foremost in the ranks of its scholars was Nachman Krochmal, the mentor of an entire generation. His *Moreh Nevukhei ha-Zeman* "Guide of the Perplexed of the Time," is considered to be the philosophical statement of the period. An amorphous work, unfinished by its author and put together and published posthumously in by Leopold Zunz, it attempts to reconcile Judaism with the post-Kantian mainly Hegelian idealism, the prevailing philosophy of the age. Krochmal is the first to outline a scheme for Jewish history which not only explains the survival of Jewry in time but attributes to it an eternal existence because of the special relationship of God The Absolute Spirit to the Jewish people. With great erudition and intelligence he discusses almost all of the major problems of

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Jewish historiography, thus laying the groundwork for future historical research. Luzzatto was a prolific writer who was involved in almost every scholarly, theological, and communal problem of his times see his voluminous correspondence, *Iggerot Shadal* – His best work was in the areas of Hebrew and Aramaic grammar, biblical exegesis, and medieval Hebrew poetry. From a purely literary point of view, the Galician Hebrew authors are to be credited for evolving the Hebrew prose satire. They not only influenced Hebrew style but introduced character types which would receive more sophisticated development in subsequent Hebrew fiction.

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*Mary Shelley powerfully evoked the creature's psychic response to the conviction that he is destined to be forever an outcast, as alone as the Ancient Mariner on his wide, wide sea – "a horrifying spectacle that had haunted Mary Shelley's imagination since she heard Coleridge recite the poem in*

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*Similarly, after he "gives birth" in Mary Shelley's novel, Victor Frankenstein also dreams of a dead mother: I thought I saw Elizabeth, in the bloom of health, walking in the streets of Ingolstadt.*

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