

MONSTEROLOGIST RON CAIN'S SEVEN FAMILIES OF MONSTERS

1. Man-made Monsters, including Frankenstein, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, the Invisible Man and the Fly. They usually are created through surgery or secret formulas (science gone awry), although there may be a supernatural element. If lightning hadn't struck Frankenstein, he might have been a pile of body parts.



2. The Undead: Vampires, Ghosts, Zombies and Mummies. This family includes undead creatures like Jason, Michael Myers and Freddie (zombie-like inhuman creatures who can't be stopped by ordinary means).

3. Werewolves and other Shapeshifters (humans that turn into animals and animals that turn into humans). This family includes cat people, werebears and the wendigo (a cannibalistic monster in Algonquian folklore).



4. Space Aliens, including Alien, Predator, the Thing and the Blob. Although many aliens are frightening and pose a threat to people, some like ET are friendly.

5. Mystical Monsters, including witches, warlocks and wizards. They may be human or magical creatures that simply look like humans. Some are born with powers. In other cases, they develop or increase their powers through study.



6. Sea and Swamp Monsters, including the Loch Ness Monster, Champ from Lake Champlain, the Kracken, the Creature from the Black Lagoon and Godzilla.

7. Land Creatures, including Bigfoot (also known as Sasquatch), the Abominable Snowman (Yeti), Chupacabra, Mothman, Jersey Devil and King Kong.

