Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus is an 1818 novel written by English author Mary Shelley. Frankenstein tells the story of Victor Frankenstein, a young scientist who creates a sapient creature in an unorthodox scientific experiment. Shelley started writing the story when she was 18, and the first edition was published anonymously in London on 1 January 1818, when she was 20. Her name first appeared in the second edition, which was published in Paris in 1821. Instantly access Detective Frankenstein plus over 40,000 of the best books & videos for kids. Thieves roam the graveyards, your best friend is missing, and your creepy boss is building something in his lab. more. Read this Book on Epic! Book Details. Frankenstein. and features may be without example, as the phenomena of the heavenly bodies undoubtedly are in those undiscovered solitudes. What may not be expected in a country of eternal light? Frankenstein. practical advantage. Twice I actually hired myself as an under-mate in a Greenland whaler, and acquitted myself to admiration.