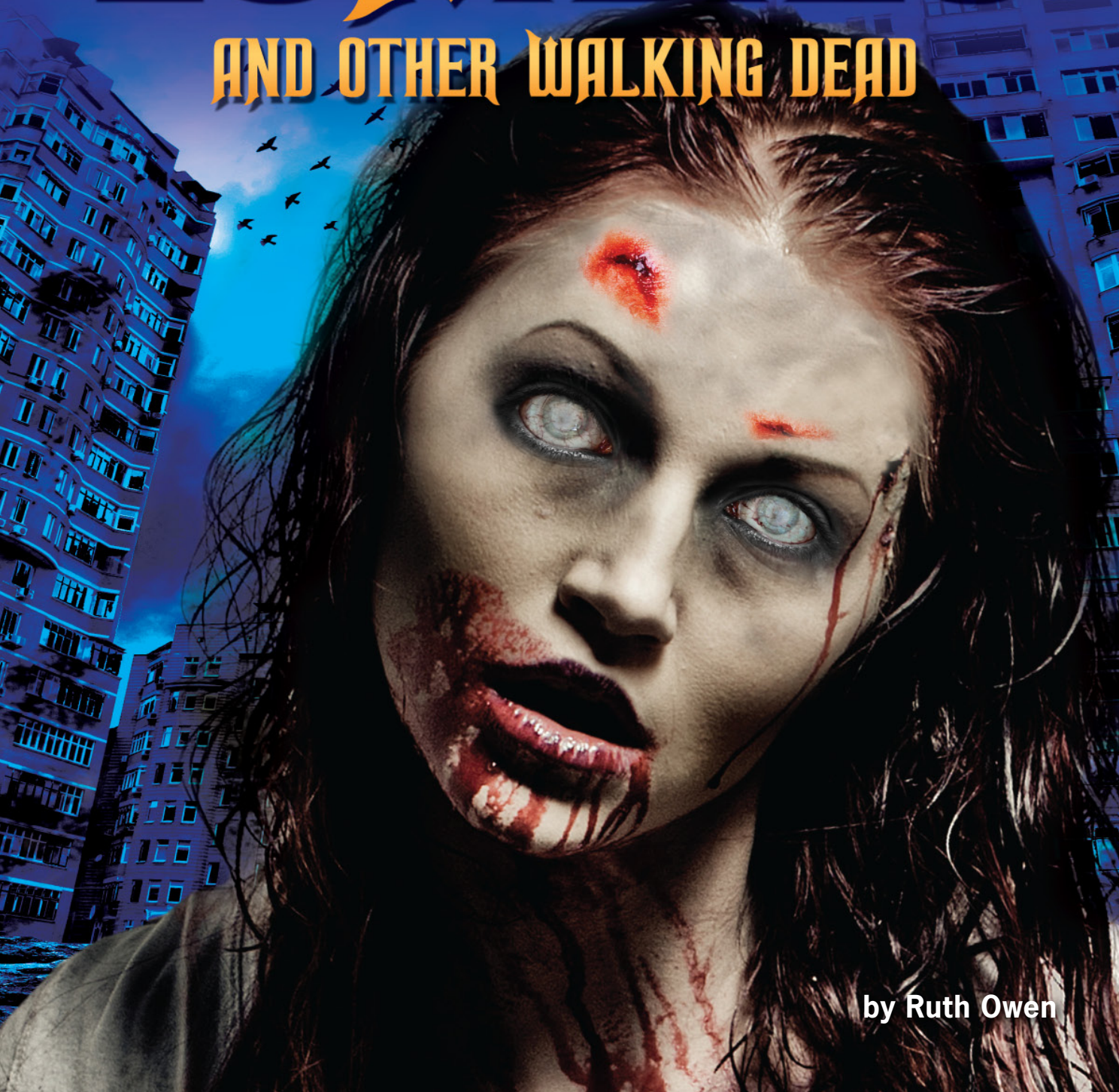


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# The Strange Case of Felicia Felix-Mentor

One morning in October 1936, a strange woman appeared in Ennery, a village in Haiti. The woman's clothes were torn. Her skin was pale gray and cracked. She covered her eyes with a dark rag to keep out the bright sunlight. The woman could barely speak and seemed confused as she walked around aimlessly.

Crowds of people gathered to see the strange woman. One group of villagers, the Mentor family, believed they recognized her. They said she was Felicia Felix-Mentor, a family member who had died and been buried in 1907—almost 30 years before! Now it appeared that Felicia was back from the dead. According to the villagers, there could be only one explanation—Felicia had been turned into a **zombie**.





Was the strange woman who appeared in Ennery, Haiti, really Felicia Felix-Mentor back from the dead?

## An Important Clue?

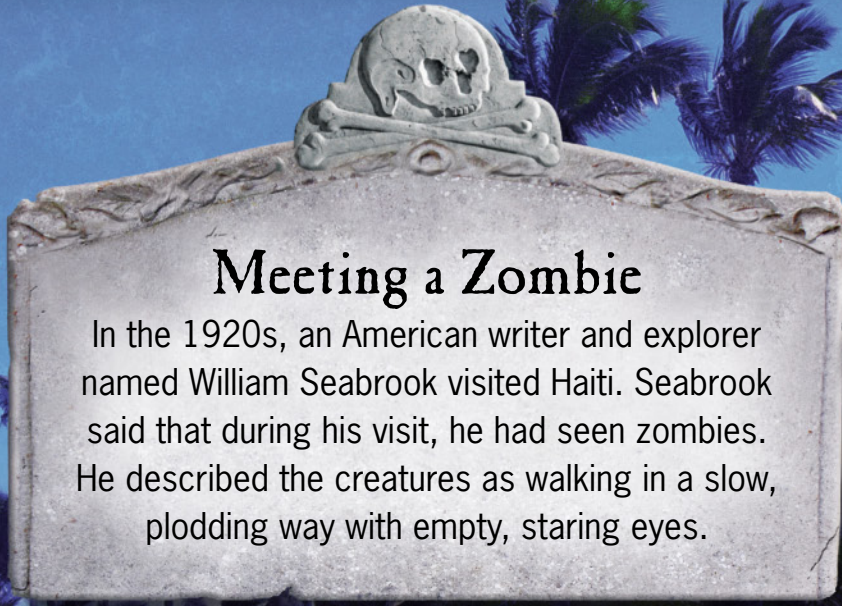
At the time of her death, Felicia Felix-Mentor had limped because she had once broken her left leg. The zombie-like Felicia, who appeared many years later, also had trouble walking.



# Back from the Dead?

Is it possible for a dead person to be brought back to life as a zombie? Was the mysterious woman Felicia Felix-Mentor? To find out, a team of doctors carefully examined her.

They soon discovered that the woman had difficulty walking because she was weak from hunger—not because of an old leg injury. Also, she was wandering alone and confused because she was **mentally ill**. The woman was not Felicia Felix-Mentor after all, and she was definitely not a zombie! So why did the Mentor family and other villagers think she was a zombie?



## Meeting a Zombie

In the 1920s, an American writer and explorer named William Seabrook visited Haiti. Seabrook said that during his visit, he had seen zombies. He described the creatures as walking in a slow, plodding way with empty, staring eyes.







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On April 30, 1962, a Haitian man named Clairvius Narcisse was declared dead by two doctors at a hospital in Deschapelle, Haiti. The next day, his lifeless body was buried in a nearby cemetery. However, 18 years later, Clairvius's sister came face to face with a man who looked just like her dead brother. Had Clairvius become a zombie, doomed to wander the earth?

For hundreds of years, legends have been told of people coming back from the dead as zombies to torture and feed on the living. If stories about the walking dead are just fiction, why have so many people claimed to have witnessed the return of the dead? Look inside to investigate the truth behind the terrifying tales.

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