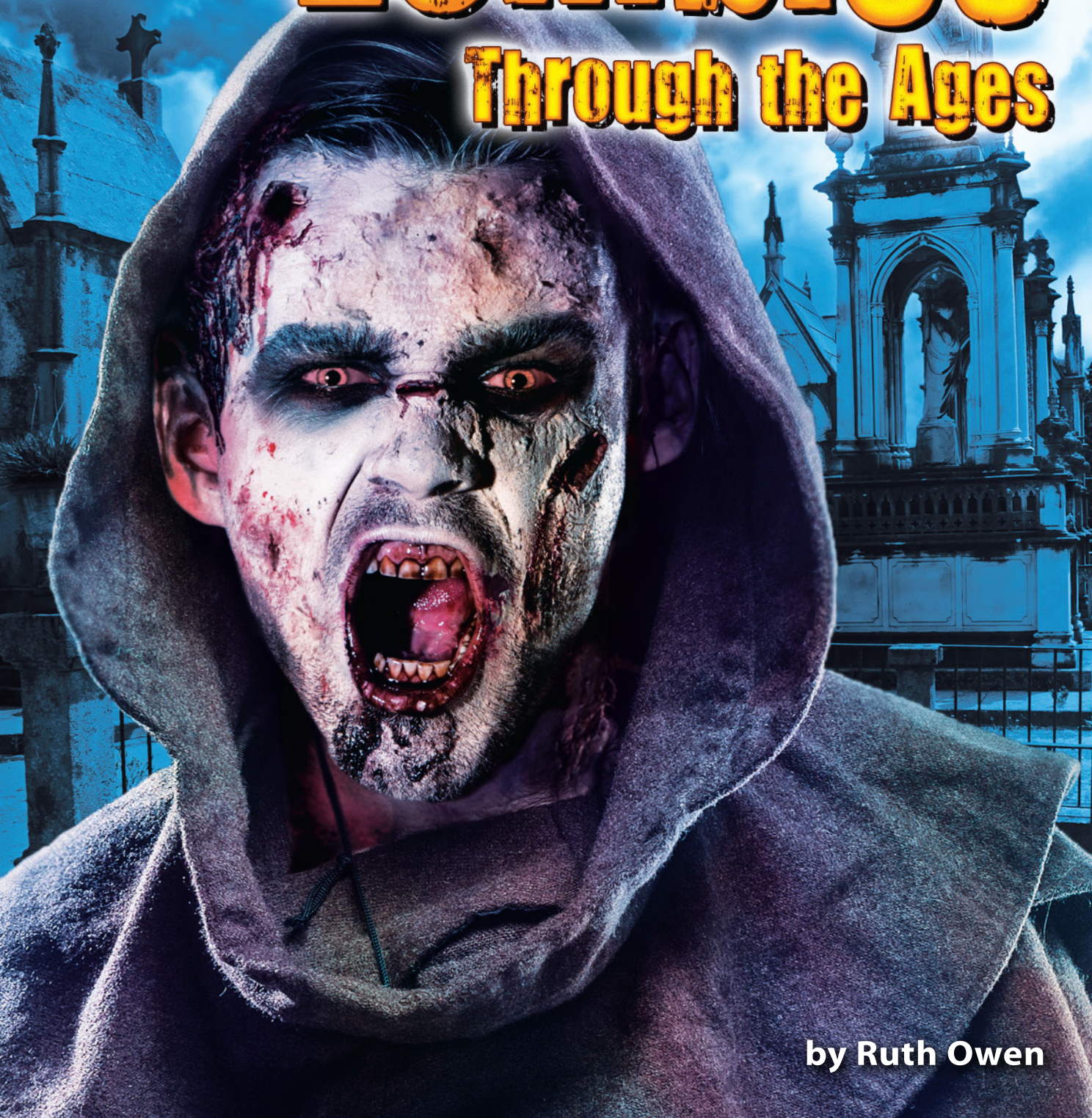




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A zombie with pale skin and a bloody mouth is emerging from a tombstone in a cemetery at night. The scene is lit with a blue and orange glow, with smoke or clouds in the background. The zombie is positioned at the top center of the image, with its arms outstretched.

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A Tale of the Undead

It was around the year 1090 in the tiny English village of Drakelow. One evening at sunset, two men were walking through the village. They were very pale and their clothes were torn and dirty. Even stranger, they were carrying wooden **coffins** on their backs.



When the villagers saw the odd figures, they froze with **terror**. Earlier that day, those same men had been buried in the local cemetery as lifeless **corpses**!

The people of Drakelow knew there could be only one explanation—the men had become **revenants**. They were now evil corpses that rise from their graves each night to terrorize the living!



The word *revenant* comes from the French word *revenir*, which means “to return.” Today, a corpse that has come back to life is usually known as a zombie.



The Revenants Return!

The following night, the revenants crawled from their graves once again. They used their coffins to bang on houses where the villagers lived. The terrified people hid. They knew that any person who came in contact with the evil corpses would get the **plague** and die.



To save themselves, the people of Drakelow had to act fast. When the corpses were back in their graves, the villagers dug up the dead bodies. Then they chopped off the revenants' heads and sliced out their hearts! The terrible nightly visits finally stopped.

Is this bone-chilling story true? No one knows for sure. However, the story of the Drakelow revenants is just one of many terrifying tales of the undead. . . .

During their nightly **rampage**, the revenants ran through the village streets and nearby fields. Sometimes, the creatures transformed into bears or wild dogs!

