

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Book Cover

Materials: Black and White using a scratchboard technique

Size: 6" wide x 9" high

Assignment: Develop a creature through the process of anthropomorphism. Make the creature a "morph" **not** a "cut and paste". Use your creation to illustrate the cover of a new hardback book entitled:

The Thing That Waited
by
Paul Mras

Critique number one: The developed creature/monster in a turn-a-round of
4 views: Front, $\frac{3}{4}$ view, Profile, and Back.

Critique number two: 3 thumbnails using the creature for the cover in an environment,
3" x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

- A. Indicate title and author in the layout.
- B. Each thumbnail should invoke a different theme from the viewer. Select from; **Eeriness, Anxiety, Dread, Terror, Dismay or Mysterious, Magical, Awe, Enchantment, Delight**
And one Tight B/W rough, 6"x9".

Critique number three: Final Art Due.

Timeline: Creature : Thumbnails Due: Roughs Due: (Full Size) Final Art Due:

Grading Criteria:

- 1) The quality of drawing and/or painting
 - 2) Concept
 - 3) Composition
 - 4) Craftsmanship
 - 5) Project management
- Two additional interacting criteria are:
- 6) How clearly does the work transmit its message?
 - 7) How uniquely does it employ its graphic vocabulary?

➤ Late assignments will receive lower grades

Final art will be mounted with 2-inch borders on black board with tracing paper and a heavy dark gray cover flap. Tape a 9" x 12" envelope on the back. The envelope will contain: Creature, B/W thumbnails, B/W Rough, Practice in-class work and reference material

Creating a Creature

Use “FATS” along with a true understanding of your creature’s nature to make a better beast.

- F- Form Follows Function (The way the creature looks should come out of what the creature does)*
- A- Archetype (Hero, disgruntled worker, Misunderstood, etc.)*
- T- Tools (external and body, such as teeth, claws)*
- S- Silhouette (Does the creature “read” in silhouette? Strong Silhouette = Strong Graphic presence.)*

Answer the questions about your creature:

Which two animals did you crossbreed?

Creature’s Name?

Size and other physical attributes?

Active when?

Lifespan?

Where does it live (land, water, swamp, mountains, etc.)?

What does it eat?

Who are its enemies or who tries to eat it?

What is its personality (Docile, mean, lazy, nervous, etc.)?

Other information: