

Information on ‘A Monster Calls’ by Patrick Ness

A Monster Calls is a low fantasy novel written for children by Patrick Ness, from an original idea by Siobhan Dowd, illustrated by Jim Kay, and published by Walker in 2011.

Storyline

The monster does not come walking often. This time it comes to Conor, and it asks for the one thing Conor cannot bring himself to do. Tell the truth. This is a very touching story about a boy who feels very damaged, guilty and mostly angry. He struggles at school with bullies, and pity looks from everyone, and at home with his mother's sickness. Will Conor overcome his problems? Will everything be okay? Will Conor be able to speak the truth?

Book review from the Guardian;

<https://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2016/jan/18/a-monster-calls-patrick-ness-review>

Book Trailer on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8-psqOON-Y>

Audio Book link (full book being read here);

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=516dd2fgGol>

The first chapter of the book, read by the one and only Liam Neeson;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkrxAYCQi0Q>

Peter Ness BBC article – winning best book for writing and illustration

<http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-18415230>

Resource Pack to ‘A Monster Calls’

<http://socialsciences.exeter.ac.uk/education/research/centres/centreforresearchinwriting/gammar-teacher-resources/samplelessonplansandschemes/amonstercalls/>