

# Doom Stone

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Picture a beast with deep-set red eyes, a ragged hole for a nose, razor sharp teeth, tight green skin, and eight feet tall. This is the demon that evolved from small underground rodents over millions of years.

Jackson traveled to Salisbury, England because his aunt, Doctor Cawley informs she had found a beast. He knows he should do something to help the people fighting it. So he departs to help capture the beast. Only when he comes face to face and knows that it is dangerous as people say it is, does he wish he had stayed home.

Jackson first tries to find out what the beast evolved from to find its weakness and where it came from. Then with knowledge of the monster, he leaves for a lab to find DNA information of the monster where he first confronts the monster, finds a friend named Alma to help, and finds that the creature is living at Stonehenge. After narrowly escaping the demon, he finds a small colony of rodent like monkeys, which have a resemblance to the monster. Then his aunt goes strangely insane, shouting out “Doom Stone will kill”. They study the monster and find out that a stone from Stonehenge called the Doom Stone can kill it and its true name Ramid. The last scene is a climactic battle between the beast and Jackson in and on top of an ancient cathedral. Who prevail over the other?



# Characters

Jackson—A fifteen year old boy with sandy hair

Alma—A European girl who helps Jackson along the journey

Ramid—A beast that had been evolved from small monkey like rodents

Dr. Cawley—Jackson’s aunt, an anthropologist

Tillman—A Sargent who dies trying to fight the beast

Richardson—A gravedigger, father of Alma, also is eaten by the beast



# Review

I really enjoyed this book. I like the way the author described the beast. The setting really made you feel like you were there. I loved all the exciting battles that took place in the book. I really enjoyed the beast. I wish you could have seen part of the book through the demon’s eyes.

