



Conor has the same dream every night, ever since his mother first fell ill, ever since she started the treatments that don't quite seem to be working. But tonight is different. Tonight, when he wakes, there's a visitor at his window...

## Who is the Green Man?

### Herne the Hunter.

- Herne the Hunter is believed to be a ghost. He haunts Windsor Forest. He has large horns on his head and rides a large horse. He is known for hunting the wildlife in the forest.

### Cernunnos

- Cernunnos is an old **pagan** god. An **ancient** people called the Celts believed in him. He has large horns on his head. Often he is surrounded by animals. Nowadays some people think he is a god who **oversees** nature.

### The Green Man

- The Green man is an image. Sometimes he is carved in churches. Sometimes his picture is on old artwork. He is surrounded by leaves and branches. **Modern** people think was either believed to be a **demon** of **Christians** or was an old god in charge of life, death and the forests.

#### Word bank:

Pagan = very old religion/belief system

Ancient = old

Oversees = in charge of

Modern = people/things that exist now.

Demon = a monster that is against God.

Christians = People who worship Jesus Christ and God (his father).

Tension is • anticipation of conflict. The reader and the characters know a problem is on the horizon. • changes that impact the novel's characters.



## Structural Terms:

<b>Shifts in focus</b>	A change from one scene to another. Something different the writer draws the reader's attention to.
<b>Zoom in</b>	Focusing in on a detail.
<b>Zoom out</b>	Moving out from a detail to a wider view/perspective.
<b>Narrative perspective</b>	The person telling the story (first person/third person).

## Motifs and Symbols:

- Conor's nightmare
- The Yew Tree
- 12:07
- The Monster

**Motif:** A dominant theme or idea

**Symbol:** an image that represents something else

## Key Quotes – The Monster

'You know that your truth, the one that you hide, Conor O'Malley, is the thing you are most afraid of'

'There is not always a good guy. Nor is there always a bad one. Most people are somewhere in between'

'If you speak the truth, you will be able to face whatever comes'

## Key Quotes – Conor

'Go away. Go away now'

'Your stories never made sense to me'

'Don't be stupid. You're too old for monsters'

'How do you fight all the different stuff inside?'

*"You do not write your life with words," the monster said. "You write it with actions. What you think is not important. It is only important what you do"*

## Key Vocabulary

Yew trees are evergreen. This means they are green and leafy even in winter. Their leaves contain a poison called Taxin which can be lethal, but also used in medicines to heal. Yews can live for over a thousand years. Yew trees are so strong they can grow even when very old or if their trunks are hollow. Therefore they became a symbol of immortality.

<b>Allegory</b>	A story that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning
<b>Archetypes</b>	A recurrent symbol or motif in literature, art, or mythology
<b>Conscious</b>	To have knowledge of something or be aware of your surroundings
<b>Didactic</b>	Intended to teach, particularly in having moral instruction
<b>Duality</b>	Two distinct parts, aspects or functions that are opposite to one another.
<b>Fable</b>	A short story conveying a moral
<b>Foreshadowing</b>	A warning or indication of a future event
<b>Grief</b>	A strong emotion felt from the loss of a loved one.
<b>Protagonist</b>	The main character
<b>Subverted</b>	To undermine the authority of someone or something