

I was given the assignment of creating a cover for the book of my choosing. I'm a Stephen King fan; I feel that he's a terrific narrator. Rather than horror I tend to view his work more as adventure with supernatural aspects. It seems to me that the focus of his stories tends to be the relationships between his characters and how they deal with their challenges. The primary elements of the story include "It", the townspeople—especially the children, and the props that It uses.

It appears to the people as a clown. It prefers to consume children and teenagers. It lives in or near water, including streams in the local woods. It's main haunt is the sewers and the drains in homes. It prefers to strike in the dark or when the victim is alone. It uses balloons to entice children and It utters the eerie phrase, "We all float down here." One of It's victims was playing with a paper boat in the street gutter when he disappeared.

I envisioned a child alone, with balloons, entering the woods at night with a full moon overhead. It glares down from the moon beckoning the victim. Meanwhile, we see the remnant from one of the first attacks in the book when the lead character, Bill, loses his brother George. I found images, then processed and assembled them in Photoshop to create this montage. Colors are only black, white, gray and blood red.

