

How to Shapeshift

On a crowded street of shops there was a two room book shop called WH Smiths. Sunlight shone through the glistening glass window producing a golden glow like the sun. The bell rang as a customer walked through the door as the air conditioning blasted on their dark wavy hair. Posters announcing the latest sellers lined the wall. Two years ago this book shop was robbed, the only thing they stole was a book called 'How to Shape Shift'.

At night, when the library was closed and the manager had locked up for the night and gone to bed, doors and windows were flung open, as books came to life. The smell of dust drifts out from in between books and creates an ancient smell; the TV creates a sound that echoes around the room; the light from the faded lamp in the corner of the room on the top of a bookshelf that lights up the room lazily. Archie went out in the morning with his dog Merlin. His dog chased a bunny under a coffee table and found the record card for a book called 'How to Shape Shift'. Archie decided there and then he would find that book. "If we find that book we will not get into trouble," he said.

Every night for three years Archie and Merlin scouted for the book. They searched everywhere they could think of and now there were only three more places to look, the run down storage room; the banana coloured counter which was regularly used; and the dusty book shelves. They were about to give up but at the top of the last book shelf there stood three monkey Minions.

They led Archie and Merlin to an enclosure inside a zoo book where the Grisly Bear sat staring at the new arrival. The Monkey Minions took Archie and Merlin to the half bear-half man.

"Do you have the book called 'How to Shape shift'?" Archie asked. "Trust me you don't want to read it, you will get stuck like me; it's excellent to play hide and seek; get out of trouble to; and sneak into places as well; but you will get laughed at; you will lose your mind."

"I won't read it I need my dignity and friends."

"You are wiser than me," and Archie and Merlin walked home happily.