



Set in post-Apartheid South Africa, this is the moving story of a young uneducated lad who witnesses his school mate, Zakes, attempt suicide. A series of events which includes selling his father's gun to Zake's brother sees him witness his family be killed. The two boys, along with the dog Shaka, flee the scene to find Zakes' grandparents in Mpumalanga. Inspector Nuts, tasked with searching for the young fugitives, ends up finding the lad pointing a gun at his head. Having won his trust, the Inspector is eventually able to bring the case to a close after a few twists and turns.

*Shaka becommed my friend when Zakes tried to commit sewerage pipe there by school. Our adventures begannd when Theresa Dern did of charf it were me what did of throwed her with a ball but it weren't not me, it were Petrus Buthelezi.*

#### **About the author**

Having had friends and others comment favourably on his writing but not being able to find an agent, John looked to self-publish. *Cold Fiction* was the outcome. Having discovered TSL Pub, he is in the process of moving his self-published novels to us. *Shaka are Dead* was his first novel published by TSL. *Powerless* was his first written novel and is the second to be published. He has since published: *Reading Lady Chatterley in Africa*, and *A Donkey Called Oddsock*.

John also writes under the name [RJ Whitfield](#).

John's writing draws on his South African upbringing, exploring themes around reconciliation between different groups of people and circumstances. He enjoys travelling to unusual destinations. He has been writing since about 2005 and has been an active member of writing' groups since 2006. Apart from writing, his other main love is music charts.

#### **Review**

"Samson's quirky sense of humour shines through in this colloquially written book. Best to start off reading it aloud..."

**Category:** Fiction

#### **ISBN:**

978-1-911070-14-6

978-1-326207-14-4 (ebook)

#### **Format:**

Paperback – 9 Oct 2016

eBook – 8 Feb 2017

**Available** at [tslbooks.uk](http://tslbooks.uk) & through online retailers

#### **Price:**

Retail £12.36

TSL £7.42

eBook: £1.99

**Book title:** Shaka are Dead

**By:** John Samson

## *Shaka are Dead*

by John Samson

For more information, editorial opportunities, interview requests or review copies please contact Anne by email [tslbooks@outlook.com](mailto:tslbooks@outlook.com)

<http://tslbooks.uk> @tslpub  
[facebook.com/TSLpublications](https://www.facebook.com/TSLpublications)