Shadow Of The Wolf

Shapeshifters in Sherwood

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WHEN A STORY IS AS well-known as the tale of Robin Hood, it's often difficult to find a fresh approach, but YA novel *Shadow Of The Wolf* pulls it off with a bold interpretation that's weird, wild and brutal.

Taking a loose attitude to historical detail, this is a dark and gripping fantasy that recasts Robin Loxley as a blinded teenage outcast who becomes an elemental killer, driven by the mystical powers lurking in Sherwood Forest.

Game Of Thrones-style bleakness is matched with an interesting take on mythology, and while Tim Hall's prose isn't quite strong enough to break out of the "teen novel" category, it's an inventive remix that finds new angles in an old story. **Saxon Bullock**