

Oxford Owl

## Clever Monkey by Stephen Elboz

In this book, the children will be using the reading skill: **predicting**.

Key words:

**burglars** - people who break into houses and steal things  
**sweltering** - uncomfortably hot and sweaty  
**shattered** - broken into little pieces  
**innocent** - harmless



### Questions:

- *Look at the front cover.*  
What do you think the monkeys might be talking about?
- *Read the blurb on the back.*  
What do you think the keys might be for?
- *Pause at the end of page 5.*  
What do you think the 'exciting news' might be? Why do you think this?
- *Pause at the end of page 12.*  
Where do you think Milton Grizzlefur might be leading the monkeys? Why?
- *Look at the picture on page 23.*  
What do you think the monkeys are doing here? Why might they be putting clothes on? Where do you think they might have got the clothes from?
- *At the end of page 38, check that your child knows what the word 'reversing' means.*  
What do you think the driver of the van is going to do?

### Challenge:

- Does this book remind you of any other books that you have read?  
What is similar about them?