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A suspicious bunch of men, a mysteriously boarded-up house with a grim history, a bitter old lady in a wheelchair and three kids, two of them black, sounds like a conventional enough recipe; but then add a jail-bird dad who still lives in his flash teddy-boy youth, and a mum who left to 'find herself' and you are straying into another dimension. The crooks and the decaying house framework are necessary to give the book its pace and incident, but only serve as a backdrop to the characters and their dilemmas. Nigel Hinton's tale is at its best when exploring Buddy's rational and irrational fears and his relationships, especially with his dad, where love, hate, exasperation and divided loyalty mingle, with love always rising to the surface. Well worth stocking in the library for middle/upper secondary readers.

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