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I'd advise reading this long novel in advance of offering it to older pupils. There might be some criticism, of the subject matter from the odd parent. **Centre Line** begins with a physically violent, drunken father, whose thrashing of Chris decides Shawn to suggest that he and the other four Cunnigans run away there and then. The brother's 'Easy-Rider' adventures, their sexual triumphs, their struggle for survival both practically and in their relationships with each other and their experiments with booze and drugs, take up the rest of this eventful novel, right up to the end of the road in a Florida courtroom. The strength of the characterization is impressive and despite the fights, the ready-made lies and deceit, the sex, it's the caring one for another, even for the badly malevolent Rick, that leaves the greatest impression, plus, more importantly, the honesty and truth with which these boys show their finer emotions, which could be a salutary example for other young males.

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