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This novel has the topical theme of juvenile crime. Running away from school and home, 13-year-old Nicky moves to a Brixton squat, where he's expected to earn his keep by assisting in car thefts. This way of life is not at all glamorised, and eventually Nicky joins the homeless on London's streets before returning home. I found the first-person narrative sometimes irritating in style - 'I'm like, just try and stop me' - but young readers may be less inclined to object. An easy, well-paced short novel, worth recommending particularly to reluctant boy readers of 12 and over.

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