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At only sixteen Clem's world is turned upside down. His father, a travelling salesman and a loser, is transferred from Eastbourne to Glasgow and along with him go Clem and his passive mother. But his new sink school is rough. Clem's posh accent, love of learning, and attraction to the school beauty, Rosie, soon make him the target for McEvoy's gang of thugs whose most important ambition in their depraved lives is slashing faces.

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