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Not since **Is It Always Like This?** by Benjamin Lee, which only veteran readers will remember, have I read a British teenage novel so close to the American model. As if terrified of becoming boring, this closely-linked collection of stories makes a helter-skelter racy dash through the wimp bashing, teacher baiting, gang beating and sexual banter of fifth-form teenagers in a High Wycombe comprehensive. Jugger, the storyteller, is relating the true meaning of the graffiti on the smoker's wall, so that each scrawl gives rise to a fresh anecdote. Once discovered, older readers are bound to adopt it as a Now novel, which will come in for plenty of thumbing and might even prove a model for their own scrawlings. Read it before recommending it.

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