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Set in the recent miners' strike, **Running Riot** is a view of life in a South Yorkshire mining village, seen through the eyes of a group of youngsters. 'The worst thing about the place was that all the houses were identical, give or take a few degrees of shabbiness, and that made the place seem more drab.' Although the style is rather disjointed, the actual recounting of instances are coldly frightening - the beating up of 'scab' children in the playground, mobs of children chanting 'We're miners, we'll never be defeated', the witnessing by the youngsters of the violence (on both sides) of the picket lines, etc. etc. Naturally, the kids get sucked into this violence, with the inevitable dramatic result - a death, one of their own, a mere child. Fiction? Fact? A thought-provoking and important book.

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