

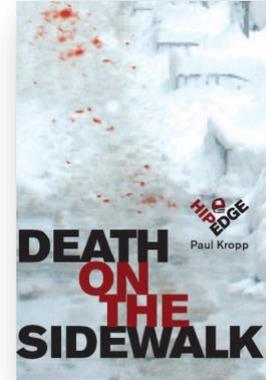
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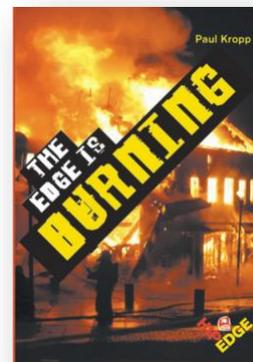
Death on the Sidewalk



1. Why did JR and the Edgemont guys go downtown?
 - a. to hang out
 - b. to see a movie
 - c. to meet another gang
2. Why did JR give up his iPod?
 - a. The iPod was already broken.
 - b. He was threatened with a knife.
 - c. He could easily get another one.
3. Why was Big Joe mad at Curtis for taking the iPod?
 - a. He was in a hurry to get out of the mall.
 - b. He didn't think it was right to break the law.
 - c. He didn't want to draw attention to his gang.
4. Curtis says, "Nobody ever does that to me." What does he mean?
 - a. Nobody steals his headphones.
 - b. Nobody cheats him in a drug deal.
 - c. Nobody hits him and gets away with it.
5. How did Allie get in the middle of the gun fight?
 - a. She was a member of a gang.
 - b. She went to the same school as JR.
 - c. She happened to be in the wrong place.
6. Which of these quotes is an example of "foreshadowing" in the novel?
 - a. "Dodo glowed. He was the hero of the hour."
 - b. "It was the last meal Allie would ever have."
 - c. "She was just out shopping and some guy shot her dead."
7. What does Rosa say at Allie's funeral?
8. In what ways is JR different from the other gang members in the novel?



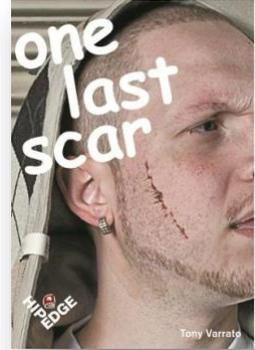
The Edge is Burning



1. What is a *motive*?
 - a. a crime, such as arson
 - b. a person who commits a crime
 - c. a reason for committing a crime
2. Nick and Marco think the arsonist is
 - a. a crazy person who likes to light fires
 - b. hired by someone who wants the land
 - c. trying to harm people who live in Edgemont
3. Why does Detective Koslow ask the boys lots of questions?
 - a. He thinks they might be involved in the crime.
 - b. He thinks they might help him solve the crime.
 - c. He thinks they might be making the whole thing up.
4. When the boys visit the real estate office, Nick makes a big mistake.
 - a. He tells someone his name.
 - b. He escapes down the stairway.
 - c. He asks questions about the fire.
5. When Marco's parents go out to a funeral,
 - a. Marco is really scared.
 - b. Nick asks Rosa out.
 - c. Marco and Nick go to Mrs. McNally's house.
6. Just before they are tied up by the arsonists, the boys are
 - a. searching the Internet.
 - b. talking to Marco's parents
 - c. playing video games
7. Do you think Nick and Marco did the right thing going after the arsonists?
Why or why not?
8. Was there real justice at the end of the book? Why or why not?



One Last Scar



1. How did Ethan figure out that Laci was the one who worked at the pharmacy?
 - a. He saw a text message from her to Jarrett.
 - b. She seemed to know a lot about fixing cuts.
 - c. There was a backpack full of drugs at her place.
2. Why did Ethan run into the house Jarrett had broken into?
 - a. He heard a woman screaming.
 - b. He wanted to be part of the deal.
 - c. He wanted to stop the home invasion.
3. Why did Ethan give only half the drugs to Laci?
 - a. He wanted to sell them himself.
 - b. He wanted to give them to Jarrett.
 - c. He wanted to make sure Laci was safe.
4. How did Ethan help the police find the drugs in Jarrett's house?
 - a. He hid them in Jarrett's couch.
 - b. He hid his cell phone in the backpack.
 - c. He hid the drugs in a factory bathroom.
5. What does Ethan mean when he says he is "a car thief with rules"?
6. Describe at least three times when cell phones were important to the story.



Outrage



1. What is the thumping noise in Connor's head?
 - a. the music coming from the getaway car
 - b. the street noise in the background at the store
 - c. the pounding of his head from getting beaten up.

2. How does Mr. Dennis prove Connor's innocence?
 - a. He says the real thief can be seen on a video camera at the store.
 - b. He says that Connor wouldn't have locked up his bike if he was going to steal something.
 - c. He says that Connor has never stolen anything before and should be given another chance.

3. Connor manages to catch the real thief by:
 - a. catching him in the act of stealing.
 - b. distracting him with a can of Coke.
 - c. watching him on the store's video camera.

4. Connor and Shawn find the thief by tracking down his
 - a. car.
 - b. music.
 - c. bald head.

5. What does Bald Guy mean when he says, "We're going to have some fun"?
 - a. They're going to rob the corner store again.
 - b. They're going to have a fight with each other.
 - c. They're going to play some video games at the mall.

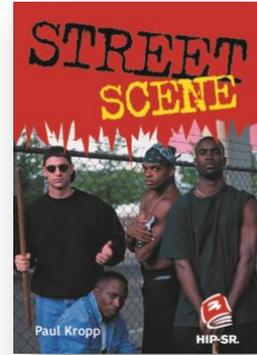
6. The book's title, *Outrage*, refers to the fact that
 - a. Connor is unfairly accused of a crime.
 - b. Bald Guy almost gets away with theft.
 - c. An ordinary corner store is robbed two times.

7. Why do you think Connor and Shawn become friends in the end?

8. Do you think Connor does the right thing in this story? Why or why not?



Street Scene



1. Which member of Jamel's group liked to show off?
 - a. Jo-Jo
 - b. Jamel
 - c. Sammy
 - d. Dwayne

2. What excuse did Sal use after the police broke up the first fight?
 - a. He said that Jamel and his friends jumped them.
 - b. He said that Jamel and his friends had stolen something.
 - c. He said that Jamel and his friends were bothering the girls.

3. How does Tasha feel about the growing violence?
 - a. She thinks Jamel needs protection.
 - b. She thinks Jamel should fight with Sal.
 - c. She thinks Jamel's friends are the problem.

4. Who does Jamel see looting the store?
 - a. Sal
 - b. Jo-Jo
 - c. Tasha
 - d. Sammy

5. How do Jamel and his friends react when they hear that Sal's gang is coming after them?
 - a. They're scared and let the police know what's happening.
 - b. They start planning for how to defend their neighbourhood.
 - c. They act tough because Sal's gang won't come to their end of town.

6. What is the purpose of the demonstration?

7. Jamal and Sammy have two different views of Sammy's gun. How are their opinions different?

8. Irony is when something happens that is the opposite of what might be expected. Explain the irony of Dwayne's death.



Turf War

1. Why don't Mouse and his buddies think they're a gang?
 - a. They don't get into fights.
 - b. They just like hanging out together.
 - c. They live at home with their parents.
2. Why does Lex say he started the fight?
 - a. He wants to take over Edgemont.
 - b. He doesn't like the way Mouse looks at Xana.
 - c. He thinks there are too many gangs in the neighborhood.
3. Why does Xana come to the fight?
 - a. She wants to fight Lex.
 - b. She is worried about Mouse.
 - c. She doesn't have any other friends.
4. Why were Xana and Lex arguing in the park?
 - a. She doesn't want to get into trouble.
 - b. She doesn't want him to fight Kasim.
 - c. She doesn't want to go out with him.
5. What happens in the final fight?
 - a. All the guys join in the fight.
 - b. One of Lex's gang shoots Kasim.
 - c. Kasim beats up Lex till he gives in.
6. In the end, what do the guys decide to do?
 - a. Go after Lex's gang for revenge.
 - b. Avoid seeing each other very often.
 - c. Decide it's important for them to stick together.
7. How do you know Xana can look after herself?
8. How are Mouse and Lex different?



ANSWER KEY

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DEATH ON THE SIDEWALK

1. A 2. B 3. C 4. A 5. C 6. B

7. *Rosa talks about Allie's generosity and kindness and how she would never backstab a friend. She puts a rose on Allie's coffin.*

8. *JR doesn't fit with the other guys because, even though he's not rich, he gets what he wants. His parents are caring. It's JR's cell phone that starts the problem.*

THE EDGE IS BURNING

1. C 2. B 3. A 4. A 5. B 6. C

7. *Either answer is accepted, if supported by the text. They took a big risk in going after the arsonists themselves, but no one else would believe them.*

8. *Again, either answer might be accepted. The criminals were punished, but many people still lost their homes.*

ONE LAST SCAR

1. A 2. A 3. B 4. C

5. *Answers will vary. Although Ethan is a convicted juvenile, he has certain rules he lives by, which he mentions throughout the book. He says in order to survive you have to play by the rules. For example, Rule #4 is "Stick with what you know." And Rule #3 is never tell.*

6. *Answers will vary. Cell phones play an important role in this book, starting with the text message Ethan receives from Jarrett in Chapter 1 telling him to steal a car. In Chapter 4, Ethan receives a text from Jarrett that they've kidnapped Colton. The way that Ethan figures out that Laci was part of the gang was when he found messages from her on Jarrett's Cell phone. Ethan puts his cell phone in the backpack full of drugs and leads the police to it by ringing his own phone.*



OUTRAGE

1. A 2. B C. A 4. B 5. A 6. A

7. *After Connor is falsely accused of robbing a convenience store, he runs into Shawn and tells him the story. Instead of fighting, the two guys work together to identify the real thief. Although they don't get along at the start of the story, their common goal of catching the thief brings them together.*

8. *Accept any answers supported from the text. Yes, Connor did the right thing because he needed to clear his own name and no one else was going to do it. Or no, Connor didn't do the right thing because he isn't a professional and could have gotten badly hurt.*

STREET SCENE

1. D 2. A 3. C 4. A 5. C

6. *The demonstration is to protest police killings of five Black men over the past year.*

7. *Sammy thinks the gun is protection and necessary because of his small size. Jamal is worried about the gun and thinks no good will come of Sammy having it.*

8. *The irony of Dwayne's death is that the reader expects Sal to be the person who gets shot. No one would have anticipated that Sammy would shoot one of his own friends. The message, of course, is about the unanticipated dangers of guns on the street.*

TURF WAR

1. B 2. C 3. B 4. C 5. B 6. C

7. *She showed up when Mouse was getting beaten and took him to the twins' house; she comes to the big fight; she knew how to use a knife; she walks through the park at night and says she can take care of herself. She knows martial arts and works out.*

8. *Lex is rich and goes to private school. Mouse lives with his mom in Edgemont. Mouse is small and Lex is big and buff. Lex is aggressive and cheats in the fight*

