

The Underdog By Markus Zusak

I say, 'Don't lose your heart, Rube.' And very clearly, without moving, my brother answers me. He says, 'I'm not tryin' to lose it, Cam. I'm tryin' to find it.' The Wolfe brothers know how to fight. They've been fighting all their lives. Now there's something more at stake than just winning. A powerful, poignant novel from the author of the international bestseller, *The Book Thief*.

Seattle's only werewolf private investigator has just learned the true identity of Saint Artemis, a hugely-famous rock star who only performs in masks.

The book that inspired the hit film! Sundance U.S. Dramatic Audience Award Sundance Grand Jury Prize This is the funniest book you'll ever read about death. It is a universally acknowledged truth that high school sucks. But on the first day of his senior year, Greg Gaines thinks he's figured it out. The answer to the basic existential question: How is it possible to exist in a place that sucks so bad? His strategy: remain at the periphery at all times. Keep an insanely low profile. Make mediocre films with the one person who is even sort of his friend, Earl. This plan works for exactly eight hours. Then Greg's mom forces him to become friends with a girl who has cancer. This brings about the destruction of Greg's entire life. Fiercely funny, honest, heart-breaking—this is an unforgettable novel from a bright talent, now also a film that critics are calling "a touchstone for its generation" and "an instant classic." Includes a discussion with Jesse

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Andrews and an annotated excerpt from the screenplay! STARRED REVIEW “One need only look at the chapter titles (“Let’s Just Get This Embarrassing Chapter Out of the Way”) to know that this is one funny book.” –Booklist, starred review STARRED REVIEW “Though this novel begs inevitable thematic comparisons to John Green’s *The Fault in Our Stars* (2011), it stands on its own in inventiveness, humor and heart.” –Kirkus Reviews, starred review New York Times bestseller! Capitol Choices 2013 - Noteworthy Titles for Children and Teens Cooperative Children’s Book Center (CCBC) Choices 2013 list - Young Adult Fiction YALSA 2013 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers YALSA 2013 Best Fiction for Young Adults YALSA 2014 Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

Een dertigjarige Britse vrouw komt als nanny naar New York om voor een achtjarige tweeling te gaan zorgen en verandert een strikt huishouden in een vrolijke boel, wat niet iedereen kan waarderen.

Underdogs Arthur A. Levine Books

From the bestselling author of "The Book Thief" comes this single-volume collection of Zusak's trilogy about the Wolfe brothers: "The Underdog, Fighting Reuben Wolfe," and "Getting the Girl." Original.

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Something Borrowed* comes a novel that shows how someone with a ‘perfect life’ can lose it all—and then find everything. Darcy Rhone thought she had it all figured out: the more beautiful the girl, the more

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charmed her life. Never mind substance. Never mind playing by the rules. Never mind karma. But Darcy's neat, perfect world turns upside down when her best friend, Rachel, the plain-Jane "good girl," steals her fiancé, while Darcy finds herself completely alone for the first time in her life...with a baby on the way. Darcy tries to recover, fleeing to her childhood friend living in London and resorting to her tried-and-true methods for getting what she wants. But as she attempts to recreate her glamorous life on a new continent, Darcy finds that her rules no longer apply. It is only then that Darcy can begin her journey toward self-awareness, forgiveness, and motherhood. Emily Giffin's *Something Blue* is a novel about one woman's surprising discoveries about the true meaning of friendship, love, and happily-ever-after. It's a novel for anyone who has ever, even secretly, wondered if the last thing you want is really the one thing you need.

Cameron and Ruben Wolfe are brothers. They spend most of their time throwing one-handed boxing matches (they only have the one pair of gloves) and plotting to rob the local dentists. But what Cameron really wants is to meet a girl—a real girl, not like the ones in the lingerie magazines. But who could ever love an underdog like Cameron Wolfe?

Hard-hitting historical fiction Ever since his father ran off two years before, fifteen-year-old Johnny Woods has struggled to help support his ma and five siblings, sacrificing his own schooling in the process. Still, there's been hardly enough money each month to make the rent, and Johnny's dream of a house in Brooklyn, away from the tenement

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slums, is out of reach. Then Johnny discovers boxing. He is a natural-born fighter, with street smarts, determination, and an explosive uppercut. Although boxing is illegal in 1885 New York, Johnny powers his way through every obstacle, believing he has found the means to raise himself and his family out of poverty. But as he moves closer to his biggest fight yet, Johnny must reconcile his need to help his loved ones with a sharpening desire to achieve something outside the ring, starting with his education. In bringing to life Johnny's struggle and ultimate success, Kathleen Karr offers readers a compelling portrait of an appealing young champion.

Believing her marriage to Andy to be perfect in every way, Ellen runs into former flame Leo and wonders why she has been unable to forget him even though they brought out the worst in each other.

#1 New York Times bestseller Mike Lupica tackles football! Will Tyler can fly on a football field. He may not be the biggest running back around, but no one can touch him when it comes to hitting the hole and finding the end zone. And no one can match his love of the game. When Will has a football in hand, he may as well be flying for real because life can't touch him - his dad isn't so defeated, his town isn't so poor, and everyone has something to cheer for. All of which does him no good if the football season is canceled. With no funding for things like uniforms and a cared-for playing field, with seemingly every other family moving to find jobs, there simply isn't enough money or players for a season. Unless one kid can rally an entire town and give

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everyone a reason to believe . . . For fans of his bestselling novels *Travel Team* and *Million-Dollar Throw*, Mike Lupica delivers a feel-good sports story that will have readers cheering where they sit. “There's plenty of action for sports fans, and readers will root for Will and his teammates till the very last page.” –School Library Journal
“[F]ootball fans will...respond to the detailed and exciting game action once the season gets rolling and find inspiration in Will and his teammates' tenacity.” –Publisher's Weekly
“Will's ingenuity and loyalty are encouraging, causing readers to want to cheer him on as he makes his dream come true.” –VOYA

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. “The kind of book that can be life-changing.” —The New York Times “Deserves a place on the same

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shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank.” —USA Today **DON'T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.** The unforgettable, New York Times bestselling family saga from Markus Zusak, the storyteller who gave us the extraordinary bestseller *THE BOOK THIEF*, lauded by the New York Times as "the kind of book that can be life-changing." **NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY * THE WALL STREET JOURNAL** "One of those monumental books that can draw you across space and time into another family's experience in the most profound way." --The Washington Post "Mystical and loaded with heart, it's another gorgeous tearjerker from a rising master of them." --Entertainment Weekly "Devastating, demanding and deeply moving." --Wall Street Journal The breathtaking story of five brothers who bring each other up in a world run by their own rules. As the Dunbar boys love and fight and learn to reckon with the adult world, they discover the moving secret behind their father's disappearance. At the center of the Dunbar family is Clay, a boy who will build a bridge--for his family, for his past, for greatness, for his sins, for a miracle. The question is, how far is Clay willing to go? And how much can he overcome? Written in powerfully inventive language and bursting with heart, *BRIDGE OF CLAY* is signature Zusak.

In this sequel to the award-winning *FIGHTING RUBEN WOLFE*, Cameron explores the ecstasy, the danger, and the cost of love. Cameron Wolfe is a loser. He knows it. He's the quiet one, not a soccer star like his brother Steve or a charming fighter with a new

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girl every week like his brother Rube. Cam would give anything to be near one of those girls, to love her and treat her right. He especially likes Rube's latest, Octavia, with her brilliant ideas and bright green eyes. But what woman like that would want a loser like him? Maybe Octavia would, Cam discovers. Maybe he'd even have something to say. And those maybes change everything: winning, loving, losing, the Wolfe brothers, and Cameron himself.

Provides an annotated list of recommended books for young adults

Essays by popular children's authors reveal the books that shaped their personal and literary lives, explaining how the stories they loved influenced them creatively, politically, and intellectually.

Presents three novels in which two brothers, Ruben and Cameron Wolfe, strive to overcome the limitations of their family's poverty, taking jobs as fighters, and Cameron, the younger brother, tries to find love with his brother's ex-girlfriend.

HBO's hit series A GAME OF THRONES is based on George R R Martin's internationally bestselling series A SONG OF ICE AND FIRE, the greatest fantasy epic of the modern age. A DANCE WITH DRAGONS: DREAMS AND DUST is the FIRST part of the fifth volume in the series. 'Richly satisfying and utterly engrossing' Sunday Times

Compiles a list of 120 books that surveyed teenagers say they have found

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meaningful.

DON'T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF AND AN UNFORGETTABLE AND SWEEPING FAMILY SAGA. From the author of the extraordinary #1 New York Times bestseller The Book Thief, I Am the Messenger is an acclaimed novel filled with laughter, fists, and love. A MICHAEL L. PRINTZ HONOR BOOK FIVE STARRED REVIEWS Ed Kennedy is an underage cabdriver without much of a future. He's pathetic at playing cards, hopelessly in love with his best friend, Audrey, and utterly devoted to his coffee-drinking dog, the Doorman. His life is one of peaceful routine and incompetence until he inadvertently stops a bank robbery. That's when the first ace arrives in the mail. That's when Ed becomes the messenger. Chosen to care, he makes his way through town helping and hurting (when necessary) until only one question remains: Who's behind Ed's mission?

Sydney Taylor Award-winning novel Berlin Boxing Club is loosely inspired by the true story of boxer Max Schmeling's experiences following Kristallnacht.

Publishers Weekly called it "a masterful historical novel" in a starred review. Karl Stern has never thought of himself as a Jew; after all, he's never even been in a synagogue. But the bullies at his school in Nazi-era Berlin don't care that Karl's family doesn't practice religion. Demoralized by their attacks against a heritage

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he doesn't accept as his own, Karl longs to prove his worth. Then Max Schmeling, champion boxer and German hero, makes a deal with Karl's father to give Karl boxing lessons. A skilled cartoonist, Karl has never had an interest in boxing, but now it seems like the perfect chance to reinvent himself. But when Nazi violence against Jews escalates, Karl must take on a new role: family protector. And as Max's fame forces him to associate with Nazi elites, Karl begins to wonder where his hero's sympathies truly lie. Can Karl balance his boxing dreams with his obligation to keep his family out of harm's way? Includes an author's note and sources page detailing the factual inspirations behind the novel.

'You're a bit of a lonely bastard, aren't you?' said Rube. 'Yeah,' I answered. 'I guess I am.' But Cameron Wolfe is hungry. He's sick of being the filthy, torn, half-smiling, half-scowling underdog. He's finally met a girl. He's got words in his spirit. And now he's out to prove that there's nothing more beautiful than an underdog who's willing to stand up. A tough, poetic street story by the internationally acclaimed author of *The Book Thief*. Join in the conversation about *When Dogs Cry* with #WolfeBooks

Texas Jack: America's First Cowboy Star is a biography of John B. "Texas Jack" Omohundro, the first well-known cowboy in America. A Confederate scout

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and spy from Virginia, Jack left for Texas within weeks of Lee's surrender at Appomattox. In Texas, he became first a cowboy and then a trail boss, jobs that would inform the rest of his life. Jack lead cattle on the Chisholm and Goodnight-Loving trails to New Mexico, California, Kansas and Nebraska. In 1868 he met James B. "Wild Bill" Hickok in Kansas and then William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody in Nebraska at the end of the first major cattle drive to North Platte. Texas Jack and Buffalo Bill became friends, and soon the scout and the cowboy became the subjects of a series of dime novels written by Ned Buntline.

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From #1 New York Times bestselling author Karen Kingsbury comes a classic story about second chances, featuring the beloved Baxter family and a young father who finds his whole world turned upside down on the eve of his divorce. What if you could see into the future and know what will happen tomorrow, if you really walk out that door today. Pay attention. Life is not a dress rehearsal. From their first meeting, to their stunning engagement and lavish wedding, to their happily-ever-after, Noah and Emily Carter seemed meant to be. They have a special kind of love—and they want the world to know. More than a million adoring fans have

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followed their lives on Instagram since the day Noah publicly proposed to Emily. But behind the carefully staged photos and encouraging posts, their life is anything but a fairytale, and Noah's obsession with social media has ruined everything. Distraught, Emily reaches out to her friend Kari Baxter Taylor and tells her the truth: Noah and Emily have decided to call it quits. He is leaving in the morning. But when Noah wakes the next day, everything is different. Emily is gone and the kids are years older. Like Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*, bizarre and strange events continue throughout the night so that Noah is certain he's twenty years older, and he is desperate for a second chance. Now it would take a miracle to return to yesterday. *When We Were Young* is a rare and beautiful love story that takes place in a single day. It's about knowing what tomorrow will bring if you really walk out that door today—and the gift of being able to choose differently.

Keep it clean, fellas. Fair fight. Okay. Do it. Don't go down. If you go down, get up. The bell, the fists, the fight. It begins, and the first round is death. The second round is the coffin. The third is the funeral. The Wolfe brothers know how to fight

Before *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak wrote a trilogy of novels about the Wolfe Brothers: *The Underdog*, *Fighting Rueben Wolfe*, and *Getting the Girl*. Cameron and Ruben Wolfe are champions at getting into fights, coming up with half-baked schemes, and generally disappointing girls, their parents, and their much more motivated older siblings. They're intensely loyal to each other, brothers at their best and at their very worst. But when Cameron falls head over heels for Ruben's girlfriend, the strength of their bond is tested to its breaking point. We're proud to present these novels together for the first time, and to be introducing American readers to *The Underdog*, never before published in the United States. Fans of *The*

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Book Thief won't want to miss reading the novels that launched Markus Zusak's stellar career. A collection of stories from the best YA writers today, who all got their start under the PUSH label, includes new stories from Kevin Brooks, Markus Zusak, Kristen Kemp, Coe Booth, and others. Original.

---. You can't hide the cracks under the spotlight .--- Dusk. Leader of The Underdogs. Destined for greatness. Lives in the now. Abe. AKA Lolly. Iridescent. Unicorn. All Dusk wants out of life is for his band to become world famous. He also wants to have a lot of fun along the way. And to get his rocks off. When he wants something, he goes for it, consequences be damned. So when he sees a gorgeous pink-haired guy who is the human equivalent of tattooed cotton candy, he can't help but have a taste. But it's when Lolly ends up on their tour bus that Dusk knows their meeting was destiny. Abe is the kind of guy who goes with the flow. He was hitchhiking anyway, so why not spend the week with a hot piece of rocker beefcake, getting smothered by his sexy long hair? And why not play the part of the supportive cutie while he's at it? It's not like he'd be sticking around for long anyway. All plans hit a wall when photos of Abe and Dusk emerge online, suddenly pushing the band into the spotlight. To take advantage of the sudden popularity, the band offers Abe money for staying. Which means money for being in a fake relationship with Dusk. Which isn't even fake. Or is it? **POSSIBLE SPOILERS:** Themes: rock band, alternative lifestyles, tattoos, bisexuality, commitment, instalove, abandonment issues, fame, outing, coming out, life on tour Genre: Contemporary M/M Rocker Romance Heat level: Scorching hot scenes Length: ~52,000 words (Can be read as standalone, HEA)

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and heartbreaking bestselling novel, *The Book Thief*, Markus Zusak has many credits to his name. Penning the *Underdogs* trilogy, *The Messenger*, and *The Book Thief* (which was also turned into a popular film), all before the age of forty, Zusak has left fans eager to see what he will come up with next. This biography of the award-winning author examines his early influences, including his parents' tales of life during World War II, and his development into a writer beloved by readers of all ages.

The extraordinary #1 New York Times bestselling story about the ability of books to feed the soul is now a major motion picture. This enhanced ebook edition is perfect for new fans and collectors alike. It includes:

- An exclusive video welcome to the enhanced edition from Markus Zusak.
- The official movie trailer for *The Book Thief*.
- Videos featurettes introducing Sophie Nélisse (Leisel Meminger) and Geoffrey Rush (Hans Hubermann) and their roles in the film.
- Clips from the film embedded in the original text.
- A video interview with Markus Zusak.

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stack in Tasmania called the Totem Pole. Close to death, waiting for hours for rescue, Pritchard kept himself going with a promise that given the chance, he would 'at least attempt to live'. Left hemiplegic by his injury, Pritchard has spent the last two decades attempting to live, taking on adventures that seemed impossible for someone so badly injured while plumbing the depths of a mind almost snuffed out by his passion for climbing. Not content to simply survive, Pritchard finds ways to return to his old life, cycling across Tibet and expanding his mind on gruelling meditation courses, revisiting the past and understanding his compulsion for risk. Finally, he returns to climb the Totem Pole, the place where his life was almost extinguished. The Mountain Path is an adventure book like no other, an exploration of a healing brain, a journey into philosophy and psychology, a test of will and a triumph of hope.

---Years of loving in secret. Now the secret's out.--- Mage. Reasonable. Mature. In love with his best friend's little brother. Dawn. Painfully shy. Crazy talented. An anxious cinnamon roll in need of protection. Mage has always been Dawn's hero. He's been there for him when Dawn was bullied, when Dawn came out, and when he joined The Underdogs. He's also been Dawn's first and only love-painfully unrequited, since Mage is straight. But that's only for the better, because they're bandmates, and Dawn's brother is Mage's best friend. It would all be too intense, too complicated, too real. But then one drunken kiss proves Mage might not be as straight as he seemed, and their whole world turns upside down. Even though Dawn craves Mage's love so much his heart could burst, his shyness stands in the way of any future they could share. While they have to keep their budding relationship under wraps and they prepare to sign a major record deal, Dawn's anxiety gets out of control. Mage will have to choose between the success he's always craved and the love of his life. POSSIBLE SPOILERS:

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Themes: rock band, bandmates romance, older brother's best friend, coming out, bisexuality, first love, anxiety, compromise, music, secret love Genre: Contemporary M/M Rocker Romance Heat level: sweet, explicit scenes Length: 50,000 words (Can be read as standalone, HEA)

Every year on Leila's birthday Shalini kneels by the wall with a little yellow spade and scoops dry earth to make a pit for two candles. One each for herself and for Riz, the husband at her side. But as Shalini walks from the patch of grass where she held her vigil the man beside her melts away. It is sixteen years since they took her, her daughter's third birthday party, the last time she saw the three people she loves most dearly: her mother, her husband, her child. There are thirty-two candle stubs buried in that lawn, and Shalini believes her search is finally drawing to a close. When she finds Leila, she will return and dig up each and every one. In a city gone to the dogs ... get yourself a cat.?? The Underdog Detective Agency has a proud tradition of sniffing out trouble (plus sniffing each other's butts). They're on a mission to catch Dogtown's elusive cat burglar ... but if they want to crack this case, they're going to need help!?? Enter Fang. Letting a scruffy street cat join the Underdogs is a bold move, but sometimes you've got to risk it to get the (dog) biscuit.??? Jump on the case with Fang and Barkley as they hit the mean streets of Dogtown. Will they catch the cat burglar? Is Barkley's bark worse than his bite? Will they bond over furballs? Find out all this and more in The Underdogs Catch a Cat Burglar.

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With contributions by: William Boyd, Candice Carty-Williams, Imtiaz Dharker, Roddy Doyle, Pico Iyer, Robert Macfarlane, Andy Miller, Jackie Morris, Jan Morris, Sisonke Msimang, Dina Nayeri, Chigozie Obioma, Michael Ondaatje, David Pilling, Max Porter, Philip Pullman, Alice Pung, Jancis Robinson, S.F.Said, Madeleine Thien, Salley Vickers, John Wood and Markus Zusak 'This story, like so many stories, begins with a gift. The gift, like so many gifts, was a book...'So begins the essay by Robert Macfarlane that inspired this collection. In this cornucopia of an anthology, you will find essays by some of the world's most beloved novelists, nonfiction writers, essayists and poets. 'You will see books taking flight in flocks, migrating

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around the world, landing in people's hearts and changing them for a day or a year or a lifetime. 'You will see books sparking wonder or anger; throwing open windows into other languages, other cultures, other minds; causing people to fall in love or to fight for what is right. 'And more than anything, over and over again, you will see books and words being given, received and read - and in turn prompting further generosity.' Published to coincide with the 20th anniversary of global literacy non-profit, Room to Read, *The Gifts of Reading* forms inspiring, unforgettable, irresistible proof of the power and necessity of books and reading. Inspired by Robert Macfarlane Curated by Jennie Orchard

The international and Sunday Times bestseller 'A novel of breathtaking scope' Guardian 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier. Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, is living with a foster family on Himmel Street. Her parents have been taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books. This is her story and the story of the inhabitants of her street when the bombs begin to fall. **SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION - THIS NOVEL IS NARRATED BY DEATH** This new edition features exclusive first chapter from Markus Zusak's brand new literary novel *BRIDGE OF CLAY*, out in autumn 2018.

From the writer of the bestselling *Dragon Masters* series and the illustrator of the bestselling *Diary of a Pug* series comes a high-energy, illustrated chapter book series about four dogs who learn that being yourself is much more fun than being Best in Show. Welcome to the town of Barksdale, where the canine residents strive for perfection. Every shopkeeper claims to be the "best groomer" or sell the "best biscuits." And at Barksdale Academy, the pressure is on every year for one pup to be named Best in Show. Nova, Duke, Harley, and Peanut have never won Best in Show... which is okay with them! But they have to work together to pass

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their Agility Exam, because either the whole pack passes or the whole pack fails. Nova has convinced her pals to train, but on her practice course, Duke is afraid to climb the high ramp, Harley keeps chasing squirrels, and Peanut can't make it through the hoops. Nova's not doing much better -- she's so excited she keeps knocking the whole course over! Will the pups make the grade, or are they doomed to be Underdogs forever? With black-and-white illustrations on every page and hilarious antics throughout, this series is perfect for readers who are just starting to read chapter books on their own, or for anyone who loves a good underdog story! Michael's worst fears are realized when his criminal past catches up to him. His daughter is kidnapped by his old gang, who are intent on getting back what Michael owes to them. With the help of his estranged brother, Carl. They must find a way of coming up with the ransom within five days. Michael's journey will take him the whole way from Belfast to Dublin.

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