

## Gaz

Warren Flynn

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### The Story

Gary hated school. What he needed was some excitement. What he got was 'the Killer' for Social Studies, a bike prang, a drug bust, a fight with the year nine heavies and, best of all, a strange new friend.

Then everything was nearly wrecked. It was more than a whirlwind romance!

### Author Background

When he's not writing, Warren Flynn enjoys mountain bike riding, sailing and splashing about in the ocean. Perhaps best known for his fun adventures of Gaz and the gripping suspense thriller, *Escaping Paradise*, each of Flynn's novels have been shortlisted in the West Australian Young Readers' Book Award. *Different Voices* was also shortlisted for the Western Australian Premier's Award. Flynn loves to travel and is fascinated by the many languages and cultures of Australia. He has provided professional development for educators in Vietnam, China and various parts of Australia. A former Asialink literature resident in Seoul, South Korea, he currently teaches at The University of Western Australia, Albany.

### Ideas for the Classroom

1. Make a map of the town where Gaz lives, and show where significant events occurred.
2. Create a poster advertising one of the vehicles mentioned in the novel.
3. Design wallpaper suitable for the bedroom of one of the characters.
4. Create Berryl's shopping list for one day (humorous or serious). Explain the reason for the various items.
5. Imagine a famous film producer has asked you to cast a feature film version of Gaz, using members of your class (or school community) as the cast. List the cast, and provide notes for the producer to explain your choices.
6. Using music, movement and costume, rehearse and present your own cyclone.
7. Write four entries in Kim's diary.

