

About the Characters

Ishmael

Ishmael is the main character of the book. In the beginning of the book he is shy because Barry Bagsley is there and is teasing him about his name. This continues throughout the book until James Scobie comes. James is very confident and smart and when he leaves James influences Ishmael and then, Ishmael becomes confident because of what James had done.

Miss Tarango

Miss Tarango's surname is a combination of Tango (the dance) and Tarago (the car) because she's such a passionate, energetic and revved-up teacher. She is Ishmael's English teacher as well as Barry's, James', Bill's and Danny's.

Bill Kingsley

Bill Kingsley is a bit of an airhead. He spends most of his time daydreaming about things only he truly knows.

Barry Bagsley

Barry Bagsley is known as the school's bully because he is always picking on people smaller or weaker than he is.

James Scobie

James is very confident and smart. He isn't afraid of anything (literally) because of an operation that he had.

Not being afraid of anything helps him continue throughout the book.

Mr. Barker

Mr. Barker is one of Ishmael's teachers. He is a very mean grumpy man who spends most of his time giving students either a talking to or a detention.

Danny Wallace

Danny Wallace is part of Barry's gang. They always hang out together. Danny is also a bully but will probably never be as bad as Barry.

Razzman

Razzman is Ishmael's best friend later in the book. He is very confident around Barry and doesn't care what Barry thinks about him.

Kelly Faulkner

Kelly is named after the American writer William Faulkner who Michael studied a lot in University.