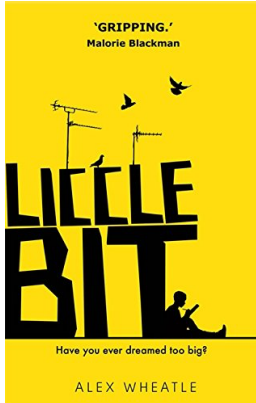


Liccle Bit

By Alex Wheatle



As a new gang war breaks out on his estate, Lemar discovers that South Crongton's notorious gang leader has taken an interest in him. Before he knows what's happening, he's running errands. When he puts his own family in danger, Liccle Bit will be forced to question his choices. How can he possibly put things right?

Alex was inspired to write the story after he had facilitated many workshops in Young Adult Detention centres and listened to stories from the inmates on how they got to be there. Hiding weapons for older gang members was an issue so he decided to use that as a theme for the narrative. *'My favourite part of the novel is every time Liccle Bit, Jonah & McKay get together and have a witty banter. That was fun to write.'*

Discussion Questions

1. What have you found out about Liccle Bit so far? How did he get his nickname? What do you know about his family? What does he enjoy doing? Etc.
2. Some of the slang used in this book was made up by Alex Wheatle. Why do you think he did this? Maybe make a list of the slang used in the book and its meaning.
3. What does Liccle Bit's art teacher tell him about his art? How does it make him feel?

