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Sunny by Paul Murdoch
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**'The us and them of *Divided City*;
 the thrills and danger of *Millions*.'**

Keith Charters, author of *Lee and the Consul Mutants*

'...tackles sectarianism and racist abuse...'

Scotland on Sunday

Luck seems to be on young Sunny Wilson's side when he survives
 a major road accident.

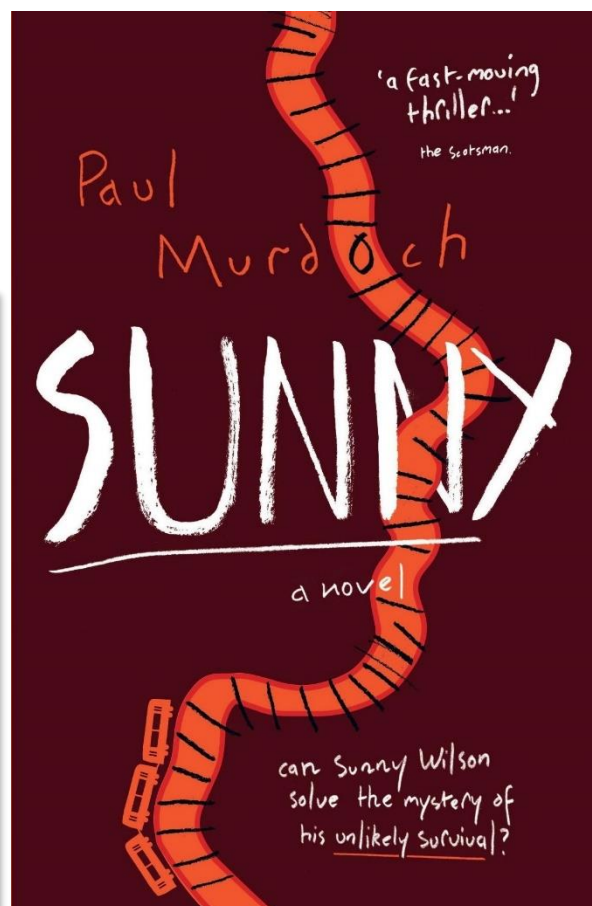
But was he *meant* to walk away?

Sunny is convinced someone has it in for him – a sense strengthened
 when an attempt is made to abduct him from hospital.

Once out, Sunny is faced with his town's ongoing sectarian divisions.
 They boil over when someone attacks a train carrying pupils from a rival school.

Sunny knows the culprit's identity, but the risks of revealing it are high.

All Sunny's troubles seem to stem back to the crash. So he follows a hunch
 to try to solve that mystery... and finds his life in peril all over again.



'A fast-moving crime thriller for school pupils
 aimed at tackling...sectarianism and racism.'

The Scotsman

'*Sunny* [will] help children understand...
 sectarianism...an ideal text for schools.'

Nil By Mouth

(Scotland's leading anti-sectarian charity)

'We're happy seeing a novel being launched highlighting issues of racism in a way young people can relate to.'

Show Racism the Red Card



Born in Helensburgh, Scotland, **Paul Murdoch** grew up beside Loch Lomond, on the edge of the Scottish Highlands, where he still lives. He studied Zoology at Glasgow University and worked on wildlife reserves for a while before moving into sales and marketing in the Agriculture sector.

Paul's creative career began with songwriting - he is a rock guitarist and over the years has played in the UK, Holland and America. He's subsequently turned his talents to poetry, short stories and novels. He's also an actor and has recently established a production company.